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DAILY GAZETTE.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

—The Emperor has refused to pardon Von Arnim.

—Judge Taft left Cincinnati for Washington last night.

—Orville Grant tells what interest he had in post traderships.

—The wife of Senator Burnside, after a lingering illness, died yesterday.

—Bishop Stevens, of Pennsylvania, sailed yesterday for Bermuda on a tour for health.

—The fight in New Hampshire is to get control of the Legislature, which elects the State Senator in June next.

—Seven Brooklyn girls have formed a "leap year club," and pledged themselves to help each other to get husbands.

—Senator Ferry, presiding officer of the Senate, notified the doorkeepers yesterday that Pinchback no longer had the privileges of the floor.

—Heeing, Rehm, and several of the Chicago crooked whisky ring leaders, are endeavoring to compromise suits against them by "blowing" on their confederates.

—The Utah Territorial Convention yesterday endorsed the administration of President Grant, regarding Utah, and called upon the party to make good its promises to abolish polygamy.

—H. F. Summers swears that he never expressed an opinion as to McKee's guilt previous to being called on the jury. District Attorney Dyer filed Summer's "affadavy" to that effect yesterday.

—The failure of Pinchback to obtain his seat creates a stir in Republican circles at New Orleans. State Senator T. T. Allain, colored, is moving for the appointment to the vacant Senatorship.

—Andrew Stephen, formerly County Treasurer, and Wm. Kraus, late of the City Bank, Toledo, have been indicted by the Grand Jury of Lucas county, Ohio, for embezzling the county funds. They have both stoped.

—Victoria will likely soon be the "Empress of India." Disraeli moved the passage of the bill on second reading yesterday, and though Gladstone and others opposed it earnestly the motion was carried by a vote of 284 to 31.

—Lord Chief Justice Sir Alexander J. E. Cockburn was yesterday presented with the freedom of London, and made a speech referring with especial unction to the fact that British honor had been protected in the Alabama arbitration.

—The Kentucky Senate yesterday passed a bill incorporating the National grange. A Mr. Swoope refused to vote for it, saying he would as lief vote for the incorporation of the Democratic or Republican party. Then they all swooped down on him and there was a pretty row—with Swoope against the field, but he held his ground.

—The Detroit *Post* thinks Dean Stanley, in officiating at the marriage of Professor Tyndall, should have asked the bride if she would take that anthropoid to be her coordinate, to love with her nerve-centres and to cherish with her whole cellular tissue, until a final molecular disturbance should resolve his organism to its primitive atoms. But he didn't, and if he had she would probably have said no.

—The remains of Lady Augusta Stanley were laid to rest in Westminster Abbey yesterday. Her bereaved consort, Dean Stanley, conducted the services. Queen Victoria and her daughters were among the chief mourners. The Arch Bishop of Canterbury, Primate of all England; Earl of Shaftesbury and the Duke of Westminster were the chief pall bearers. The Duke of Northumberland, Bishop of London, Right Honorable W. E. Gladstone and many other distinguished gentlemen followed the procession.

—The idea of planting Centennial trees is a good one, but to be valuable in a large way everybody should engage in it, and set out at least one tree for every member of a family. The memorial trees will carry the names of those who plant them down to a later generation than all the Martha Washington tea parties and receptions in which people may engage. The trees selected should be those of comparatively slow growth and long life, such as the elm, the oak and the beech—trees that will live and flourish a hundred years hence, and offer their grateful shade to the children of the twentieth century.

—Now that we have challenged the world to come and shoot at long range against American riflemen, by all means let us do our best to show that we had a right to issue such a challenge with a perfect confidence in our own skill. Our riflemen, however, need not become impressed with the belief that shooting at short range is a matter unworthy of them. There will be plenty of short-range shooting in the international matches, and we ought to be as anxious to beat our competitors at 200 yards as at 1,000. And after the match is over, it may be worth while for riflemen to ask themselves whether short-range shooting ought not to receive a far greater share of their attention than it has hitherto received.

—Mr. Ruskin continues to make statements concerning his personal affairs in the pages of his *Fors Clavigera*, which for minuteness and unreserve equal anything known in literature except the confessions of Rousseau. Ruskin has published an exact statement of his personal expenditures for January, and promises to make similar returns to the public for every month. He says the total fund raised by the St. George Society for the regeneration of the world, in addition to his own munificent gift of $35,000, amounts only to $3,500. In five years his private fortune has diminished in bulk from $350,000 in money and land to $150,000. His books and pictures, which he considers not his own, but held in trust, are valued at another $150,000.

—After Daniel Connelly, the common street contractor, who had been arranged by Boss Shepherd as the surety of Belknap, had kept that disgraced man waiting for him in a dirty little police court three mortal hours and then did not appear, and the culprit's counsel had started out to find another "friend" to vouch to the extent of $25,000 that he would not follow Marsh, the lawyer ran across one of his colleagues, General Blair. He told him the disgraceful position of affairs, and General Blair, in the goodness of his heart disregarding the etiquette which forbids a lawyer to go bail for his client, instantly offered to come down and sign the bond. They were starting, as it was the way met W. W. Rapley, owner of the National Theatre here, and quite a respectable citizen. Cook, the lawyer, told him what they were going to do, and he volunteered to take General Blair's place. As the trio entered the little upper room of Judge Snell's Court, where Belknap had been waiting for so long and under such painful circumstances, Mr. Cook addressed Belknap, and said: "You appointed Mr. Rapley's son to West Point. He comes now to return that favor by going on your bond." Belknap recognized Rapley at once, and some of his old vivacity came into his weary face as he said: "Yes, and I remember telling you that I could do anything for your boy, except pass his examination." To Blair's question, "Why didn't you send for me?" he replied in a despairing tone: "Well, I'm here; I'm not sending for anybody," and the emphasis of the word sending was almost sad to hear.

A Scholars Destitution.

A sad case of destitution came to light at the Astor Library, in New York. One of the best known among the visitors there for the past several months, has been a middle-aged German of fine intellectual presence, though shabby dress. He has been engaged on special articles for the German papers there, always arriving at the library within a few minutes after it opened, and remaining, immersed in study, till it closed. One peculiarity in his conduct that attracted general attention was his daily habit of eating a roll, which he carried in his pocket, crumb by crumb. Monday morning when he entered, one of the librarians (Mr. Leonard) remarked that he was paler and more nervous than usual, and eat as much. The gentleman passed the remark off with a feeble joke and began working. For several hours he maintained his position writing, but at last his next neighbor noticed that he was reeling in his seat, and in a moment more he had fallen to the floor. The interested group which gathered about him came to an understanding of the facts in a very short time—the unfortunate man was starving. He was conveyed to a hotel and measures taken to insure his comfort for a time at least.

Treasury Gin.

"GATH" writes to the New York *Graphic*, that "there are as fine girls in the Treasury as in any royal family in the world, and they handle more money, too." Governor Chamberlain, of South Carolina, got his charming bride in these marble halls, and Mrs. Robeson's brother-in-law married there—a pretty row there was over it, too—and "GATH" thinks that Senators ought to promote the Government service.

MICHAEL ANGELO was a great designer, and artists of his day had unlimited confidence in his conceptions and judgment. But he often failed when it came to executing. Other men could take his plans and work them out into a beauty which with himself was impossible. It is often so with Christians. Some have excellent judgment about what ought to be done, and can organize and plan in a way to command the highest admiration; but when it comes to carrying out their ideas, they find themselves hampered by fatal impediments. Others, far beneath them in invention, take up their models and work them up into successes that delight and bless the world. These are diversities of gifts.

FIRST EDITION.

THE STATE CAPITAL.

Legislative Proceedings.

The Commercial Companies' Bill Passed by the Senate.

AN ACT TO CLASSIFY CITIES PASSED SECOND READING.

Also the South Side Secession Bill.

THE VENTILATION BILL DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE.

A Long and Acrimonious Debate.

Special to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

HARRISBURG, March 9, 1876.

SENATE.

The following passed a third reading:

Education of Deaf Mutes.

To authorize the establishment of schools for the education of deaf mutes in certain cases.

Defeated.

The bill to provide for the incorporation and regulation of commercial companies, and also companies to receive and execute trusts, whether by way of mortgage or otherwise, relating to the estates of individuals and estates and franchises of corporations.

The vote by which the above act was defeated in the morning session was reconsidered by yeas 43 and nays 8, and passed third reading by yeas 29 and nays 9.

The acts relating to members of beneficial societies from individual liability for lodge indebtedness. Passed third reading—yeas 42, nays 2.

Bill Passed Second Reading.

An act for the incorporation and regulation of banks of discount and deposit.

An act to establish a nautical school in the city of Philadelphia.

An act defining the obligations of railways as mortgages when mortgages are held in other States.

An act relating to the exemption of property from levy and sale on executions or distress for rent, declaring the waiver thereof by a debtor, except in certain cases, void.

An act authorizing the wardens of the penitentiaries of the State to subscribe for and distribute papers or periodicals to convicts.

An act to revise and amend an act dividing the counties of the State into three classes, regulating the passage of ordinances providing for contracts for supplies and work for said cities, authorizing an increase of the indebtedness and the creation of a sinking fund to redeem the same, defining and punishing certain offences in all said cities, and providing for the incorporation and government of cities of the third class, approved May 23, 1874.

An act to change the place for holding the sessions of the Supreme Court for the middle district, and provide for fitting up and furnishing suitable rooms for the purpose.

South Side Secession.

An act to repeal an act entitled "A supplement to an act to incorporate the City of Pittsburgh, enlarging its boundaries, etc."

The above is Mr. Woods' South Side secession bill, and was amended so as to leave the question of secession to a vote of the South Siders.

Mr. ANDERSON moved to indefinitely postpone, which was not agreed to, and the bill passed second reading.

The Liquor Question.

A supplementary act to repeal the act to permit the voters of this Commonwealth to vote every three years on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors, and to restrain and regulate the sale of the same, approved April 12th, 1875 declaring the true intent and meaning thereof with respect to fees paid for licenses under the provisions of said act.

After the determination of the present license law fees for licenses granted are paid into the Allegheny County Treasury, and by law one-half are appropriated to Workhouse purposes. The above act seeks to have them all paid into the State Treasury, the same as licenses paid by the balance of the State, and will take from Allegheny County or the Workhouse about forty thousand dollars annually.

Pending the consideration of the bill the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Ventilation Bill.

The special order of the morning was the consideration of the House bill providing for the ventilation of bituminous coal mines on third reading.

Mr. LONG offered a substitute for No. 66, claiming it contained every important provision of the old bill necessary to secure the health and safety of miners. It requires in every mine two shafts in addition to the furnace shaft. It provides for the appointment of mine bosses. Upon complaint the President Judges of the courts are to appoint two competent mining engineers to make a thorough examination of the mines complained of. If the complaints are verified by the report of the engineers, an injunction shall be issued and the mines closed until placed in condition for work. If the complaints are not sustained, the costs of the proceedings shall fall upon the complainants.

Messrs. Jackson, Fincher, Patterson (Speaker), Wolf and others opposed the substitute.

Mr. HUHN spoke in favor of it. It was discussed until adjournment.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The House met in the afternoon session at three o'clock.

A petition from miners of Fayette county praying for the passage of the ventilation bill was read.

Notaries Public.

The report of the Conference Committee in relation to the act to appoint additional Notaries Public was adopted.

Bills Introduced.

An act to provide additional remedies for the unlawful mining of coal, iron and other minerals in the Commonwealth.

A supplementary act providing for the health and safety of persons employed in coal mines, approved March 8th, 1870, making neglect to comply with section first of said act a misdemeanor.

The Ventilation Bill.

Mr. LONG moved that the House go into Committee of the Whole on the bituminous ventilation bill for general amendment, which was agreed to, when he offered a substitute for the bill. This combined all the essentials of the original bill, but provided for the appointment by the Court of Common Pleas of two mining engineers, to report to the Court all complaints of bad ventilation.

After debating the substitute it was defeated, when the bill came up by sections for amendment. Several amendments were agreed on, when Mr. TALLEY, of Delaware, proposed to give the Secretary of Internal Affairs, with the Governor, the power of appointment. This gave rise to a prolonged and acrimonious debate, the Republicans opposing and charging the Democrats with an attempt to place them in a false position, while they insulted the Governor.

Extended remarks were made by Messrs. Talley, Jackson, Hahn, Brown, Long and others, the latter continuing to speak till the hour of adjournment arrived.

The bill may come up to-morrow, but an effort will be made to postpone till Tuesday. The debate was very exciting, taking a political turn, all the debaters of the House taking part therein. The impression prevails that the bill will pass with amendments.

Democratic Caucus.

The caucus of Democratic members of the House was held this evening and was largely attended. It was agreed that no bills should be read in place or introduced after March 24th, and all bills in the hands of the various committees should be reported by the 31st to the House. There was no action taken upon the time for final adjournment, and it looks as though the session would be continued until about May 1st.

FORTY-FOURTH CONGRESS.

(FIRST SESSION.)

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1876.

SENATE.

The Farragut Prize Money.

Mr. CRAGIN, from the Committee on Naval Affairs, reported back the bill authorizing the payment of prize money to officers of the Farragut fleet for the destruction of the enemy's vessels in 1862, and asked that it be referred to the Committee on Appropriations. So ordered.

Southern Pacific Railroad.

Mr. COCKRILL offered a resolution instructing the Committee on the Judiciary to inquire whether patents for lands have not been improperly issued to the Southern Pacific Railroad Company of California. Ordered printed and lie on the table.

Indian Lands.

Mr. HARVEY presented a joint resolution of the Kansas Legislature in regard to legislation regulating Indian reservations, the right of freedmen and others in the Indian Territory. Referred.

The Revenue Laws.

Mr. GORDON called up the resolution submitted by him on Tuesday instructing the Committee on Finance to ascertain, if possible, what amendments to our revenue laws are necessary to serve economy and certainty in the collection of the internal revenue, and prevent a recurrence of official frauds in that branch of public service. He modified the resolution to read as follows:

WHEREAS, Frequent and enormous frauds committed by distillers and Government officials have deprived the Government of a large proportion of its legitimate revenues, and brought disrepute upon every important branch of the public service;

AND WHEREAS, The interest of the people and good name of the Government demand that Congress should take immediate steps to so amend the laws to secure economy and honesty in the collection of the internal revenue; therefore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to ascertain, if possible, what are the defects in the present system, and what legislation is necessary to remedy these defects, and especially to inquire, first, whether it be advisable to so amend the laws as to levy a whisky tax directly upon the capacity of fermenting tubs, and require it to be collected in advance; and second, create a corps of excise, to hold office indefinitely, removable only for incapacity or malfeasance in office.

A long discussion ensued between Messrs. Gordon, Morton and Withers, which partook of a political nature, after which the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE.

Resolutions Introduced.

Mr. PIERCE offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Indian Affairs to inquire into the expediency of opening up the Indian Territory for settlement, &c. Adopted.

Mr. COX offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Foreign Affairs to inquire into the case of Edward O. M. Condon, a United States citizen undergoing penal servitude in an English prison, and whether or not the cases consular instructions 2,000 and 2,001 of the Revised Statutes for the protection of naturalized citizens. Adopted.

Compensation of Postmasters.

Mr. CLARK, of Missouri, from the Post-office Committee, reported a bill to regulate the compensation of postmasters. Made a special order for Thursday next. It provides that the maximum salary and compensation of any postmaster shall not exceed four thousand dollars, except in New York, where it shall be six thousand.

Third Class Mail Matter.

Mr. STORRS, from the Post-office Committee, reported a bill authorizing the sender of any third class mail matter to write on the outside wrapper his name and address, with the name and number of articles enclosed. Passed.

Judicial.

Mr. CAULFIELD, from the Judiciary Committee, reported back a substitute for the Senate bill fixing the terms of United States Courts in West Virginia. Passed.

Mr. HURD, of Ohio, from the same committee, reported a bill to regulate the removal of suits from State Courts to United States Courts. After explanation the bill was passed.

Mr. HURD also reported a bill to provide for holding terms of the United States District and Circuit Courts at Fort Wayne. Passed.

Soldiers' Homes.

Mr. HAMILTON, of Indiana, offered a resolution instructing the Committee on Military Affairs to inquire into the management of the Soldiers' Home and National Home for Disabled Volunteers. Adopted.

The Hawaiian Treaty.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole (Mr. Voorhees in the chair) on the bill to carry into effect the Hawaiian treaty, and was addressed by Mr. LUTTRELL in support of the bill.

Speeches were also made in support of the bill by Messrs. Leavenworth, Page and Waddell. Without action the committee rose.

Alleged Sale of a Cadetship.

Mr. LEWIS offered a resolution reciting allegations that Charles Hays, of Alabama, a member of the last Congress, had nominated Guy Rossevelt Beardsley as Cadet at the United States Military Academy from the Fourth Congressional District of Alabama; that Beardsley was not an actual *bona fide* resident of the District for four years, but that Hays had falsely certified that he was; and also that Beardsley's mother had paid Hays $3,000 for the appointment, and directing a thorough investigation to be made as to the truth of the allegations. Referred.

Jurisdiction Over High Crimes and Misdemeanors.

Mr. TUCKER presented a set of resolutions declaring it in order to settle the limits of jurisdiction of high crimes and misdemeanors in civil officers in the Government; first, that the House claimed primary and exclusive jurisdiction of impeachment in such cases, and that the criminal jurisdiction of ordinary courts of justice could not in any degree, directly or indirectly, interfere with that of the House; second, that no witnesses under the orders and no evidence of a documentary character under the control and in possession of the House could by mandate or process of ordinary courts of justice be released or taken from such control or possession without a breach of the privileges of the House; third, that whenever it shall appear by an order of a court that witnesses, under the order or documentary evidence under the control of the House are needful on the trial of offenders against justice, the House will take such order therein as will promote the ends of justice consistent with the privileges of the House. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

The House then adjourned.

LATEST RIVER NEWS.

CINCINNATI, March 9, 1876.

River sixteen feet eight inches; falling. Fair and warm. Arrived—Andes, Wheeling.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9, 1876.

Clear and pleasant. No arrivals. Departed—John Maude, St. Louis; Katie, Greenville.

EVANSVILLE, March 9, 1876.

Chiefly cloudy and warm; mercury 48 to 64; barometer 29; wind from the south. River 14 7-10 feet, rising. Up—Peytona and barges, 10 P. M.; Silverthorn, midnight; Geo. Roberts, 7 A. M.; Arkansas Belle, 10; Dick Johnston, 5 P. M. Down—John L. Rhoads, 8 A. M.; Bowling Green, noon; Mary Houston, 4:30; Florence Lee, 5; Grey Eagle, 5:30. The Houston received about all she could carry. Business is active.

ST. LOUIS, March 9, 1876.

Arrived—Belle Memphis, from Memphis; Scudder and Grand Lake, New Orleans; Clinton, Keokuk; Kate Brown, Ohio River; Kellogg, Cairo. Departed—Carondolet, for New Orleans; Clinton, Dubuque; Arlington, Pittsburgh; Colcasal, Davenport. River risen 2 inches, with seven feet to Cairo. Cloudy and warm.

LOUISVILLE, March 9, 1876.

Clear and pleasant. Sandy, Cincinnati; Fawn, Henderson; Glasgow, Evansville; Ironsides, Pittsburgh; Andy Baum, Memphis; Susie Silver, New Orleans; Mary Miller, Pittsburgh. River 8 feet 8 inches in canal.

MEMPHIS, March 6, 1876.

The river fell one foot. Cloudy, warm and threatening. Arrived—Shinkle, Cincinnati. Departed—Bismarck and Yaeger, New Orleans; Livingston, Paducah; Glencoe, Chester.

VICKSBURG, March 9, 1876.

Down—Turner. Up—Howard and Colorado, Genevieve. Arrived—Illinois, City of Helena and Kate Dickson, from the Big Black river.

CAIRO, March 9, 1876.

Arrived—Grand Tower and Julia, St. Louis, 5 P. M.; Cons Millar, Memphis, 6. Departed—Cons Millar, Cincinnati, 6 P. M. River 19 feet; falling. Cloudy and warm.

LITTLE ROCK, March 9, 1876.

Cloudy and warm. River rising; 7 feet 4 inches. Arrived—Nellie Peck, above. Departed—Rosa Miller, Pine Bluff.

NASHVILLE, March 9, 1876.

River falling; 4 feet on shoals. Arrived—Eddyville, from Cairo.

NOTICE of the filing of the declaration and copy of claim in the Court of Common Pleas of Venago county, and a rule to plead in fifteen days was served yesterday on the United, Franklin, Sandy and Milton pipe lines. The claim against each of these companies is for about $262,000, being the aggregate penalties for refusing to publish monthly statements as required by law. These suits will probably be for trial at April term.

SECOND EDITION

FROM WASHINGTON.

Prof. Silliman's Connection with the Emma Mine.

Orville Grant Before the Post Tradership Investigating Committee.

Documents Relative to the Babcock Court of Inquiry.

WASHINGTON, March 9, 1876.

The Emma Mine Investigation.

Prof. Silliman appeared before the Committee on Foreign Affairs to-day, and testified concerning his report on the Emma Mine. He said his connection with the mine was merely professional, that he was employed to make an examination, and was left to fix his own compensation. His terms were $5,000 in advance, and after the completion of the work not less than $10,000 nor more than $20,000. He received $10,000, and for the performance of other scientific services was compensated, his entire receipts amounting to $25,000.

Prof. Silliman was interrogated by Representative Faulkner about the famous dispatch from Utah, telegraphed to London, announcing the discovery of 8,000 tons of new ore which samples at the rate of $2,000 a ton. This dispatch was signed by Williams, Muzz and Silliman. The Professor said the telegram was certainly improper, but he had no recollection whatever of having signed such a dispatch, although he could not say his name had been forged.

The Babcock Court of Inquiry.

The Speaker laid before the House of Representatives a number of papers received from the Acting Secretary of War in response to a House resolution of the 3d inst., calling for copies of all instructions, orders, letters, telegrams or other official records in the War Department relating to the Babcock court of inquiry. The letters and telegrams relating to General Babcock's request to the Secretary to hold a court of inquiry, orders directing it to be convened, the detail for the court, its adjournment from day to day, and, finally, its dissolution in consequence of the indictment of Babcock by the St. Louis Grand Jury, are all merely formal, and have been in substance already published, except the following. On the 15th of December Major Asa Baird Gardner, Judge Advocate, wrote from Chicago to the Adjutant General of the Army as follows:

"SIR: I have the honor to report that the court of inquiry convened here by special order 246 adjourned to-day, to meet at the call of the President of the court. I deem it my duty to invite the attention of the proper authority to the following state of facts in reference to the case for the Government, which I was called upon to present immediately on receiving telegraphic notice of the detail. I hastened here in advance of the assembling of the court, so as to be prepared to proceed without delay. I find that the witnesses, although duly sworn, I should nevertheless have been unable to proceed in consequence of the failure of Hon. D. P. Dyer, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Missouri, to obey the positive instructions of the Hon. Attorney General of the United States. These telegraphic instructions were sent to him on December 8th, and specifically directed that I should be furnished with any documentary evidence bearing on the case, and the names and residence of any witness whose testimony you (they) judged important to make the investigation thorough."

The Judge Advocate gives in detail the object for which the court of inquiry was convened, and proceeds:

"On the 8th inst., as Mr. Dyer had not furnished me with any information whatever, I telegraphed to him. On the 9th he replied with a telegram offering me a copy of the stenographic notes in the trials of Jno. McDonald and Wm. O. Avery. He has since sent me an abstract of the Avery trial, containing Henderson's remarks relative to Col. Babcock. As a lawyer, Dyer must have known perfectly well that his reply of the 9th was no answer to my telegram, neither to comply with the Attorney General's directions. What I required was a list of the witnesses and a description of the documentary evidence on which Mr. Henderson based his remarks, so that the court of inquiry, when organized, could examine for itself into the matter. Up to this afternoon nothing of the kind has been received from Dyer. On the evening of December 9th G. C. Gordon, of the *Inter-Ocean* newspaper, reported to me substantially that his paper had just received reliable telegraphic information that Dyer had just stated that he should furnish no lists of witnesses or documentary evidence so far as the Avery and McDonald cases were concerned. Mr. Henderson's remarks as to Col. Babcock might have been based on what he had heard or seen wholly outside of the court room. It will be noticed that I did not ask information as to what witnesses might have said or done in the Grand Jury room, because when Henderson made his speech no bill of indictment had been found against Babcock, and Henderson was not the proper official to be summoned before a Grand Jury to subscribe such a bill. He was an associate of and temporarily subordinate to the District Attorney, who by his presence and tacit acquiescence adopted Henderson's remarks as the authoritative statement of a Government official. What witnesses had said to him or deposed in affidavits could not be used before a court of inquiry in that shape. What I required was a list of such witnesses, so that they could be called on to testify in open court. A description of the documentary evidence on which Henderson based his remarks was also desired, so that in due course of law a subpœna *duces tecum* should issue to the proper custodian to produce them in court. The of court inquiry did not complete its organization, but had it done so, I could not have presented the Government's case by reason of the absolute disregard by Dyer of positive instructions of his immediate official superior, the Hon. Attorney General.

"Very respectfully, &c.,

"ASA B. GARDNER,

"Judge Advocate of the Court."

The Attorney General's letter to Mr. Dyer is as follows:

"DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE,

"WASHINGTON, December 9, 1875.

"*Hon D. P. Dyer, United States Attorney, St. Louis, Mo.:*

"The President informed me that a court of inquiry convenes at Chicago next Thursday, that General Babcock starts to-night to meet his trial, and that Col. Gardner is Judge Advocate, to whom at Chicago you will send any documentary evidence bearing upon the case, and the names and residence of any witness whose testimony you judge important to make the investigation thorough. If there is any evidence additional to that sent me, please forward and communicate with the Judge Advocate at Chicago by messenger or otherwise, as you deem most safe, to the end that this important inquiry, which will attract the attention of the country, may be complete in every respect. I repeat what I have so often said, that we wish no innocent man tarnished and no guilty one escape.

(Signed), "EDW. PIERREPONT,

"Attorney General."

On December 14 Gardner wrote to Dyer, acknowledging the receipt of the stenographic copies above referred to, and added: "I beg leave to remind you that the list of witnesses and documents requested, which I was informed the Attorney General had instructed you in regard thereto, has not been received. Your speedy communications contained any reference thereto. I must trouble you for some positive information on the subject."

The Post Traderships.

Orville M. Grant testified to-day before the Committee on Expenditures in the War Department. He said that he never at any time, either orally or in writing, had any authority from Belknap in relation to post traderships, and that he never, directly or indirectly, exercised through others control over such traderships. He obtained the post sutlership for a man appointed at Ft. Stevenson. He was not interested with any person who obtained appointments as post tradeships from the Secretary of War. He said he was interested in contracts under the Indian Department, that he obtained a post on his own application from Commissioner Smith. He made application for the trading post at Fort Peck, and received a letter from the President, which he knew in favor of the applicant, notified him that there would be vacancies at Fort Peck, Fort Belknap and Standing Rock, and he applied for these places in pursuance of the knowledge given him by the President. These were the only trading stations in which the witness had any interest. At Fort Peck witness put in two thousand dollars with Caseleberry and Bonnafan. Witness, though putting in one-sixth of the capital stock, divided the profit, all the money invested being borrowed, one-third of which he was responsible for. He drew out of the concern eleven hundred dollars. Witness was half partner with Jos. Leighton in the Standing Rock tradership. Though he never put in anything, he was not only required not to furnish capital, but not required to go out to attend to business. He always felt grateful to his brother, the President, for his influence in procuring the offices. He had influence with the President to manage such matters to some extent, although he did not always find the matters to be profitable. He had not pressed the appointment of traders on the attention of the President. He procured the offices from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, after seeing the Secretary of the Interior. Neither the President nor the Secretary of the Interior had the slightest knowledge of his receiving money.

Witness testified that he was now in the employ of Bashear & Co., of Baltimore, as solicitor, at a salary of two hundred dollars per month. His solicitorship was connected not only with the Government, but with private parties. He obtained a contract from Gen. Myers, of the Quartermasters Bureau, but only to the extent of four or five hundred dollars.

Adjourned.

COLORED MEN IN COUNCIL.

Their Faith in the Republican Party Unshaken.

COLUMBUS, March 9.—Pursuant to a call issued by the Executive Committee of the National Convention of Colored Editors, held at Cincinnati on August 6th, 1875, a a number of representatives of Ohio colored men met here to-day in Convention. It was decided to apportion the number of delegates from Ohio to the National Convention, to be held at Nashville, Chillicothe, Steubenville, Columbus, Cincinnati and Oberlin are to be allowed one each. Among other business, an address to the colored people of the State was adopted. The address endorsed the propriety of holding a National Colored Convention, and declares that the civil and political interests of all citizens of the United States are identical without regard to color, and if all those whose business it is to interpret and execute the organic laws of the country would respect their oaths of office, the rights of all citizens would be equally conserved; that the colored people cannot afford to make themselves or permit others to make them a separate element in politics. The address also endorses the Republican party, declaring that it has proved itself the party of liberty and the friend of the colored man; that while the Republican party has been plundered by thieves, it has had the integrity to expose and bring to justice those who have been found guilty of malfeasance in office. It also deprecates the tone of some of the leading Republican journals of Mississippi on the disorders prevalent in the South, wherein it is claimed the ignorance of colored voters has brought about the result; also deprecating the position of the Administration relative to the late election in that State as tending to restore political power to the Conservative element; also condemning the United States Senate for refusing to admit Pinchback to a seat in that body, but declares that even this has not shaken the faith of colored men in the Republican party.

FOREIGN ADVICES.

FRANCE.

The New Ministry.

PARIS, March 9.—The French Ministry has been definitely constituted, as follows: M. Dufaure, Vice President of Council and Minister of Justice; M. Ricard, Interior; M. Waddington, Public Instruction and Worship; M. Christophle, Public Works; M. Teisserenc De Bort, Agriculture and Commerce; Admiral Fourichon, Marine; M. Leon Say, Finance; General De Cissey, War; Duc De Cazes, Foreign Affairs. All the members of the new Cabinet belong to the Left Centre. The Ministry will communicate with the Chambers to-morrow, either by a written programme or through a speach by M. Dufaure.

TURKEY.

A Fresh Difficulty in the Way of Peace.

BERLIN, March 9.—A fresh difficulty in the way of peace has arisen in Turkey. The Christian subjects of the Sultan have hitherto been exempt from military duty, and they now refuse to continue to pay an exemption tax, and offer instead to give their military services. The Christians justify their action on the promise contained in the Sultan's promise of full and perfect equality with Mahommadans. The Sublime Porte refuses to accept, on the ground that Christians are not to be trusted in his army.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Verdict on the Strath-Clyde Disaster.

LONDON, March 9.—The jury in the Strath-Clyde disaster returned a verdict that "They find the captain of the Franconia to blame for the manner in which he navigated his vessel; that the collision occurred in consequence thereof, that his conduct was greatly influenced by the pilot, whose behavior deserves grave censure." They concluded by pronouncing a verdict of manslaughter against the captain.

GREENBACK CONVENTION.

Connecticut Currency Reformers in Council—A State Ticket Nominated—The Repeal of the Resumption Act Demanded—Also the Abolition of the National Bank System—Opposition to Senator Sherman's Thirty-year Bond Bill.

MERIDEN, CONN., March 9.—The friends of an honest advancement of the currency and of a practical, just and immediate reform in our currency, in convention assembled, to-day nominated the following State ticket: For Governor, Charles Atwater; Lieutenant Governor, Francis Gillette; Secretary of State, Lucien T. Penny; Treasurer, Loren F. Judd; and Comptroller, John H. Peck.

The resolutions adopted demand the unconditional repeal of the resumption law, the immediate abolition of the National bank system, the receipt of greenbacks for customs, and the issue of bonds interconvertible with greenbacks, and bearing a rate of interest sufficiently high to keep them, and consequently greenbacks at par with gold. They strongly oppose Senator Sherman's thirty-year bond bill, which passed the Senate on February 25.

The South Pass Jetties.

ST. LOUIS, March 9.—Capt. James B. Eads reports to the South Pass Jetty Company here that a remarkable deepening of the channel on the bar has occurred since the 4th inst. The old crest of the bar is entirely gone, and the present crest is at station 93, or 9,300 feet from the shore ends of the jetties. From station 93 to the sea ends of the jetties the depth of water varies from seventeen to twenty feet. The outer slope of the bar deepened rapidly during a recent storm. The contractors are now pushing forward the work at the head of the pass and preparing to close Grand Bayou. The Florida and Havana Steamship Company is preparing to send all their vessels through the South Pass.

NEW ORLEANS, March 9.—Captain J. B. Eads states that the twenty foot depth has been now carried down one mile and a quarter from the upper end of the works, and a channel is cutting out rapidly. Where the Mattie Atwood grounded on the 4th, there now sixteen and a half feet water. Captain Eads is confident that before the end of the month he will have more water between the jetties than there is at the South West Pass.

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Divorces in California.

Divorces has become so alarmingly frequent in California as to attract the attention of even the legislators of the "Slope." They propose to look after the morals of their constituents a little better in the future than in the past, and a bill recently introduced in the California Legislature limits the causes for divorce to adultery and extreme crurity. Indeed from the accounts given of social affairs in California, some such law is imperatively necessary. When divorces become so frequent that the Judges have no time to hear the cases, but relegate them to a Commissioner, who goes over the particulars and approves or rejects the petition, his decision being afterward confirmed by the Judges, then in is high time for a change.

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ALLEGHENY, PA., March 9, 1876.

In the matter of WILLIAM LONGDEN, Debtor. No. 2621 in Bankruptcy. Western District of Pennsylvania, SS. To the Creditors of said Debtor. Take notice that a meeting of the creditors of said WILLIAM LONGDEN, will be held at the office of the undersigned, Register in Bankruptcy, No. 12 Church avenue, in the City of Allegheny, on TUESDAY, the 21st day of March, A. D. 1876, at 3:30 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of considering and passing upon a proposition to be made to them by said WILLIAM LONGDEN, in full satisfaction and settlement of all debts due to them and further, that under the order of Court directing said meeting, I will attend at the above mentioned time and place to conduct the proceedings at said meeting. Creditors can attend either in person or by proxy duly appointed.

N. W. SHAFER,

c16 Register in Bankruptcy.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA, IN BANKRUPTCY. This is to give notice that on the 6th day of March, A. D. 1876, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of GEORGE NOBLE, of Pittsburgh, in the County of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition; that the first meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and to choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at the office of the Register, No. 98 Diamond street, Pittsburgh, Pa., before SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., Register, on the 6th day of April, A. D. 1876, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JOHN HALL,

U. S. Marshal for said District.

Pittsburgh, March 9, 1876. c17

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JOHN HALL,

U. S. Marshal for said District.

Pittsburgh, March 9, 1876. c19

MEETINGS.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE—THE ALLEGHENY COUNTY REPUBLICAN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE will meet on SATURDAY, 11th inst., at 3 P. M., in the Court House Court Room. A full attendance of members is desired.

RUSSELL ERRETT,

20c Chairman.

POLITICAL.

FOR ASSEMBLY,

JOSEPH A. STONE,

OF MCKEESPORT,

FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT,

Subject to the decision of the forthcoming Republican County Convention.

FOR PROTHONOTARY,

B. B. COURSIN,

OF MCKEESPORT.

Subject to the decision of the forthcoming Republican County Convention.

ELECTIONS.

EWALT STREET BRIDGE CO.—The Annual election for nine Managers and a Treasurer of this Company will

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FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 1876.

PETROLEUM at Antwerp 29½f.

BONDS at Frankfort, new 6s, 101¾.

GOLD closed in New York yesterday at 114¾.

MADAME DE MONTELLA, wife of the Spanish Minister, is said to be the biggest highflyer in Washington now that Mrs. BELKNAP has abdicated.

MRS. SWISSHELM thinks "the tower has fallen on Mrs. BELKNAP, but there is no reason for believing that she is a sinner above all those who dwell in Jerusalem."

THE Colorado Constitutional Convention had not got through with its work when the appropriation to pay the members was exhausted. The members must finish up at their own cost.

SO FAR the prospect of an abundant crop of wheat in the valley of the Mississippi, both east and west of that river, is very cheering. That will do much to buoy the country up, and start anew our other productive industries.

IT is getting warm for the crooked whisky dealers, who have been indicted in Chicago. As the day for the commencement of the trials approaches, the people express a decided feeling of uneasiness, for fear some of the accused parties will seek a more congenial clime, leaving their bondsmen to settle with the Court.

IF misery loves company, Allegheny can pair off with Chicago on the police question. There are two views of the situation given in the Chicago papers. One is that the matter with the force is not an insufficiency of numbers, but a lack of discipline and quality. The other is that the force is entirely too small. The war is going on pretty briskly, and is a pretty good parallel with the dispute over the river.

THE latest advices from Colorado Springs are that the mines recently discovered in the mountains facing that place, are increasing in number and promise, and that the mineral area is enlarging. Some of our citizens have already made purchases, with a view to the erection of stamp mills. The Colorado Springs *Gazette* has over a column of details of the progress of the work. This may become the most important mineral district in Colorado, as it is certainly the most accessible and desirable.

THERE has been a spirited debate in the Canadian Parliament on protection, occasioned by Mr. WORKMAN moving an amendment to the Supply bill, censuring the Government for not adopting that policy. SIR JOHN MCDONALD spoke strongly in favor of protection, and was answered by Mr. MACKENSIE, the Premier, who as warmly sustained free trade. The amendment was rejected by 119 to 64. The debate and the voting show that there is an active and resolute protectionist minority, which is likely to be stronger when the question assumes practical shape.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, according to Senator WADLEIGH, "is going all right." Mr. WADLEIGH is not easily influenced by the contagion of local enthusiasm, and his opinion is worth a great deal. The probability is, therefore, that the State will be carried by the Republicans next week by a fair majority. If the Governor is elected by the people, it will be a disappointment to the Democrats, who have hoped to throw the election into the Legislature, a majority of which body they expect to control. The chances are now that both Governor and Legislature will be Republican.

THE great depression in the business of railroad building is exemplified in the annual statement which shows that there was less mileage added to the system in 1875 than for many years previously. Illinois heads the list, but many of her lines are bankrupt, and it is evident that it will be some years yet before her population or trade will be sufficient to make her railway system profitable. Pennsylvania comes second, but we have even in this State some bankrupt lines. With such a record for the past year, the success of the Pennsylvania Railroad seems all the more surprising.

THE remains of the late LADY AUGUSTA STANLEY were laid to rest, amid the solemn gloom of Westminster Abbey, yesterday. If there is an ambition which every Englishman holds dearest, it is that he may secure a resting place, when life's fitful fever is over, in the historic Abbey. In this instance the rare honor, which is accorded to but few women, was granted at the special request of Her Majesty, who, [illegible] STANLEY, has lost an intimate and valued friend. The honor, however, was not unworthily bestowed, and, so far as we know of the deceased lady's character, was in a measure a tribute of respect to one of the truest representatives of gentle, cultivated, noble womanhood.

PROF. SILLIMAN says he received $25,000 for scientific services, and that his connection with the Emma Mine was merely professional. The trouble is that all the business in regard to this mine has been of such a character that "professional" services need a little further elucidation. The question is, did he examine a "played out" mine, and then give a certificate that the precious metal to be found there was both abundant and singularly pure from alloy. The people who invested in the mine evidently did so to a great extent on the strength of the supposed scientific proofs that the quartz was not only good, but there was to all appearances, so far as a scientific man could determine, a goodly supply of it. This is the point which needs explanation.

THE attempt which the heirs of the Comte de MONTALEMBERT are making to prevent the publication of his work on "Spain and Liberty" in France promises to be successful. Pere HYACINTHE has been issuing the work at Geneva, claiming to have authority to do so after the death of the author. The French Government cannot, of course, prevent the publication in Switzerland, but it can stop the work at the frontier, and seems disposed to do so. The relatives of MONTALEMBERT allege that he had been dissuaded, before his death, from his proposed denunciation of the Spanish Inquisition, Mgr. DUPANLOUP especially being conspicuous in bringing this suppression about. The French courts have yet to decide on the conflicting statements of the two parties concerned. The general impression appears to be that the verdict will be against the publication in France.

PHILOSOPHERS tell us that the growth of civilization is marked by progress in the art of cooking and by the degree of respect entertained for women. Whatever subtle connection may exist between these two signs, it is certain that in America women receive the highest honor, for in this country they are most extensively employed as teachers to influence for good the future merchant, doctor, lawyer, and statesman of the nation. The only other country that approaches us in this respect is England, and even there the proportion of female to male teachers is not nearly so large as with us. The English, however, are beginning to see their mistake, and to acknowledge that for teaching the primary grades, women are much better suited than men. But the most notable revolution of this character is in Prussia. That country, until very lately, held the opinion that as boys were intended by their Maker principally for fighting machines they could properly be taught only by fighting men. Hence, old soldiers were often placed in charge of schools and female teachers were completely excluded. Even now, the number of women who teach in the Prussian schools is only about four thousand, but the policy of the Government has changed entirely, and a circular from the Bureau of Education directs the Inspectors, in every possible way, to aid the employment of women as teachers. Fifty-two thousand teachers are employed throughout Prussia in the schools supervised by the State, and from the reports of foreign journals, a very few years will be required to oust nine-tenths of these "jolly old pedagogues" from their chairs of authority, dispossess them of their formidable hickories, and fill their places with women, who will govern Kaiser's subjects with love and two-inch rulers.

A SHORT time ago we were told, with a flourish of trumpets, that ALFONSO having squelched DON CARLOS, proposed to send 50,000 troops to Cuba to settle the little unpleasantness in that little nook. But there seems to have been a mistake somewhere. ALFONSO is about to reduce the army from 250,000 to 200,000, and this force has been so detailed that not a man can be spared from home. Spain, however, ought to be able to handle Cuba without any reinforcements. The number of Spanish troops in Cuba at the present time is 81,812. The volunteers fighting for Spain number 90,000, so that the total royal force numbers 171,812 men, while the insurgents, according to the recent official note of the Madrid Government, number less than 1,000 fighting men. This is a remarkable discrepancy in numbers, and if Spain can not subjugate the island under such circumstances, she might as well give it up.

VICTORIA seems to have a vein of romantic sentimentalism in her composition. She is very desirous of receiving the title of "Empress of India." That title seems to appeal especially to her fancy, because she remembers that Queen ELIZABETH was styled by SPENSER in his dedication of the "Faerie Queen," the "High, Mighty and Magnificent Empress." Prince ALBERT was at one time very anxious to have the "Empress" title appended, and DISRAELI is now exerting himself to bring it about. The Queen's subjects, however, are not enthusiastic, although the royal lady alluded to the prospective honor in her speech when she opened Parliament with the assistance of Lord CAIRNES. An objection, indeed, has been urged on the ground that England may lose India as a possession, and the title "Empress of India" would be absurd. After all, the title is only a pretty bauble, and the Queen should be allowed to play with it.

WE have heard a great deal about women's extravagance since the BELKNAP bubble exploded, and without desiring to unnecessarily rasp the finer sensibilities of our gentle readers, we must admit that much of what has been said is nothing but the frozen truth; but then there is a possibility that this assignment of all the trouble to woman,—to the entire exculpation of the male biped, who is always willing to transfer his share of sin to other shoulders,—is giving the case a one sided and exaggerated statement. We believe that the women ought to have a chance, and in the interest of fair play present our readers with this view of the situation from MRS. SWISSHELM'S standpoint. Says she:

"Now, under the astounding developments which must shake the world's faith in Republicanism, we hear on all sides that woman's extravagance in dress has been the primal cause of our disgrace. Mrs. Belknap's dresses, Miss Schenck's dresses, Mrs. Babcock's dresses, are all ripped up and hung out to air; but who taught them to sacrifice honor to a love of fine clothes? Who loaded them with fulsome flattery for their folly and sin? Who led them into this quagmire, and now turns to pelt them with mud? It is right that the women who have tempted those dearest to them to do wrong should bear their full share of the punishment, and the best way to cure the evil they represent is to make it odious, and let them have their full share of the odium; but the great mass of the American people are called to repentance by these developments; and men more than women need to cultivate a taste for simplicity, for women will always strive to be what is most agreeable to them, and if men had not admired the reckless extravagance which led Belknap to ruin, that extravagance would not have existed. Let the press stop its cunning flattery of stunning toilets and the work of regeneration is half done."

THE COUNTY COMMITTEE.

According to public call a meeting of the Republican County Executive Committee will be held to-morrow afternoon at three o'clock. The notice authorizing the meeting does not set forth the purpose for which it has been called. We presume, however, the principal business to be disposed of is the fixing of a time for the Primary meetings, and a consideration of the best manner of selecting delegates to the State Convention. We hope the Committee will give both matters careful consideration before coming to a decision. It is not desirable at this time to have a repetition of the breeze which stirred the party last year, when these questions were decided.

We believe the general feeling of the rank and file of the party is in favor of an early convention, and that it is the most desirable in many ways. If a late convention is held there will be a mistrust excited that it was for the purpose of pulling through unworthy candidates, and there is certain to be a bad feeling engendered. The way to avoid all dissatisfaction is to have an early Convention, and nominate a ticket that will stand the most rigid test, and will pull through on its merits. The sooner the convention is held, the nominations made, and the party organized for work, the brighter will be the prospect for a signal success.

As to the selection of delegates to the State convention, the experience of the past year ought to be a sufficient lesson. The masses of the party at that time very clearly gave expression to the feeling that they, and not the County Committee, should select the delegates. The voters do not relish the idea of transferring their prerogatives to the committee,—however good material the committee might be composed of—and if there is a desire to make matters harmonious and unite the party for an effective campaign the best way is for the County Committee not to attempt to take any power out of the hands of the people.

We offer these suggestions in the interest of harmony and good feeling, and hope the committee will see the importance of not repeating any past blunder.

THE LAW IN THE CASE.

The House at Washington seems to be considerably exercised over the legal status of the crime of Gen. BELKNAP. Many claim that he cannot be punished because the law aims only at cases where the Government has been defrauded. In the case the money did not come from the Government, but was taken from private individuals; hence it is claimed an action against Gen. BELKNAP would not hold in court.

This, we think, is a mistake. The law if it is properly interpreted will be found to apply to all the parties concerned in this roguery,—BELKNAP, MRS. BELKNAP and MARSH. The clause in the law, which relates to the particular kind of offense of which Gen. BELKNAP has been guilty reads thus:

"Any officer or agent of the Government who takes, receives, or offers to take or receive, any money, property, or other valuable consideration for giving or securing any contract, office, or place of the Government whatsoever shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be imprisoned not more than two years, and fined not more than $10,000."

This provision is repeated in various ways in a half-dozen sections, and, it would seem, covers every possible case of fraud and corruption. The law applicable to MARSH may be abbreviated and made plainer in the same way:

Every person who promises, offers, or gives, or causes to be promised, offered, or given, any money, etc., with intent to influence [an officer's] decision or action on any proceeding which may at any time be pending, or which may be by law brought before him in his official capacity, shall be fined in three times the amount so offered, and imprisoned not more than three years.

This is about as direct as could be asked, and covers the case of MARSH so specifically that it does not seem wonderful he was in such haste to get away, and seek immunity from arrest in Montreal. There is no excuse for not punishing the Secretary and his confederates in this case, and if there is any failure it will rest not with the Republicans, who are anxious to mete out proper punishment, but with the criminal stupidity of the Democrats, who allowed MARSH to escape.

THE FRENCH ASSEMBLY.

Notwithstanding the pacific dispatches which were sent before the meeting of the French Assembly, it does seem now that the body is in session that the session will witness some breezy times. The Republicans have a fair majority, but there are discordant elements in their ranks, and it remains to be seen whether they will stand together so as to give them a preponderance in shaping legislation. In the Chamber of Deputies, of 532 members, the Republicans claim at least 350 votes, while in the Senate of 300 members, more than one-half are Republicans. It is announced that the groups known as the Left and Left and Right Centres have agreed to act harmoniously together in the present session, an arrangement which will certainly be an advantage to the Assembly if it be adhered to. The Left warmly supports the present form of Government, but believes in, and labors for a much more advanced form of Republicanism than France has thus far obtained. The Left Center is composed of moderate Republicans who favored THIERS. The members of the Right Center have been partisans of the Orleans family, and are favorable either to a Constitutional monarchy or a moderate Republic. There is in the Assembly a decided flavoring of Bonapartism, which the three groups referred to will make it their business to hold in check. The Extreme Left of the Assembly has a very small minority in the Lower House. They probably do not number over sixty. VICTOR HUGO and LOUIS BLANC, representatives of that party, have seats in the Senate, but they can do no harm there. The small number of Radicals in the Assembly is a source of discomfiture to the Bonapartists, who make capital out of the discussions which this tempestuous group have been in the habit of originating.

These are the elements in the Assembly, and it will be seen there is plenty of material for getting up a fight at any time. There is no doubt, however, that the mass of the French people are thoroughly wearied with the political excitements through which they have passed, and that the ruling desire with them now is, the permanent establishment of the Republic. It is to be hoped that these law-makers will have enough of policy or statesmanship to take a note of the current, and instead of indulging in rancorous discussions, go to work earnestly and honestly, to bring about the great end which the people desire—the solidifying of the Government upon its present broad and liberal basis.

MARSH AND CLYMER.

If the Democrats can be more ridiculous at one time than another, is is when they attempt to defend the stupid errors they are always making. In permitting MARSH to escape—or, what is even more probable, advising him to leave the country—Mr. CLYMER made about as disastrous a mistake as it is possible for a public man. It may appear ridiculous to charge that CLYMER advised MARSH to run away, but when this extraordinary case is considered in all its bearings, that sudden flight will have a new significance. CLYMER appears to have been very intimate with MARSH and Mrs. BELKNAP, and accompanied them during that tour in Europe. It is said that during that tour, he became acquainted with the material facts of the BELKNAP scandal, and has undoubtedly followed the matter ever since. Not, however, until a rupture occurred between these parties did the Hon. Mr. CLYMER think of informing an outraged public. After succeeding in getting MARSH'S story before a Congressional Committee, but in such a manner, however, that it will be perfectly useless, so far as the ends of justice are concerned, MARSH suddenly disappears. In attempting to apologize for the singular relations that existed between the confessed briber and the Chairman of the Committee which succeeded in getting the testimony before the country, the Democrats are floundering about in a most helpless manner. They refuse to give what they call "the evidence in their possession" to the criminal authorities, and Mr. LAMAR gets up and says if a "member of Parliament had obeyed such summons as was served on the members of the Committee on Expenditure in the War Department, he would have been held in contempt." It is evident from this that there is no precedent in Congressional history for CLYMER'S singular act, and so our Democratic friends are obliged to go to England to get one to help them out of the difficulty. The attempted apology is very feeble indeed, for CLYMER and MARSH have stood in such intimate relations that there is every reason to believe, after they sprung their mine, MARSH was advised to travel in the direction of Canada with all the speed he could. The Democratic papers set up a dismal howl about the President and Attorney General "scaring witnesses away." CLYMER, of fragrant associations, had MARSH in his own hands, but he introduced his whilom traveling companion to the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House that he might collect his fees and other expenses without delay. He seemed to be apprehensive that MARSH would not get his money soon enough, for these people never let a cent slip through their fingers. MARSH, the millionaire, would not forego his blood money, and his friend CLYMER introduced him to the disbursing officer of the House, so that nothing unpleasant should happen. We would suggest that Mr. CLYMER be investigated. He has been so intimate with the BELKNAPS and MARSHS that perhaps a few dollars rolled into his open pockets.

Tell-Tale Lips.

I have observed that lips become more or less contracted in the course of years, in proportion as they are accustomed to express good humor and generosity, or peevishness and a contracted mind. Remark the effect which a moment of ill-temper and grudgingness has upon the lips, and judge what may be expected from a habitual series of such movements. Remark the reverse, and make similar judgment. The mouth is the frankest part of the face; it cannot in the least conceal its sensations. We can neither hide ill-temper with it, nor good; we may affect what we please, but affectation will not help us. In a wrong cause it will only make our observers resent the endeavor to impose on them. The mouth is the seat of one class of emotions as the eyes are of another; or, rather, it expresses the same emotions, but in greater detail, and with a more irrepressible tendency to be in motion. It is the region of smiles and dimples, and of trembling tenderness; of a sharp sorrow, or full breathing joy, of candor, of reserve, of anxious care, or liberal sympathy. The mouth, out of its many sensibilities may be fancied throwing up one great expression into the eye—as many lights in a city reflect a broad lustre into the heavens.—*Leigh Hunt.*

A Wife who Starved Herself.

For many years past there has been living in Indian township, Monroe county, N. Y., a married couple named Dicks. About a week ago Zachariah Dicks, the husband, made a will in which it was provided that, should he die first, all of his property should go to the children, and they were to provide for their mother until her death. Mrs. Dicks very sternly objected to such a disposition of the property, and demanded that the will be changed, but her husband heeded her not. Becoming convinced that coaxing would do no good, the old lady began to threaten, and finally left her husband's roof. She never would taste another morsel of food. This threat did not move the old man, but the old lady kept her word. For fourteen long days she ate not a mouthful, and only occasionally would she wet her lips with water. Friends and neighbors called on her often to try to turn her from her dreadful purpose, but she would not even see any of them. She died at the age of 65.

SHAKESPEARE.

Professor Hart Gives the Results of Recent Investigations.

The seventh lecture of Professor Hart's Shakespearean course was given last evening. The lecturer discussed Shakespeare's early life down to the time of his leaving Stratford for London, and it was by far the ablest and most interesting of the course thus far. The lecture began with quoting the celebrated dictum of Steevens, A. D. 1773: "All that is known with any degree of certainty of Shakespeare is that he was born at Stratford-upon-Avon, married and had children there, went to London, where he commenced actor, wrote poems and plays, returned to Stratford, made his will, died, and was buried." This statement, the lecturer said, was, at the time it was made, substantially true. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the English nation, at the end of a century and a half from the death of their greatest author, knew less of his life, if less were possible, than we know of Homer's after the lapse of nearly three centuries. In a literal sense, indeed, no lineal descendant of Shakespeare remains. His blood descendants all died out within the generation that followed his own death. But in a higher and better sense his true spiritual lifeblood—"those thoughts that breathe and words that burn"—pulsates at this day in the veins of more than a hundred millions of men, his bloodkin of the English-speaking race, whose diction and whose thoughts, whose impulses and whose actions, consciously or unconsciously, have perceptibly taken tone and color from the man who was born at Stratford-upon-Avon a little more than than three hundred years ago.

The lecturer then described the extraordinary zeal and critical acumen displayed in recent Shakespearean research, and said that these labors, though late, had not been without substantial success. The fruits of these researches, coming down some of them as late as 1875, were then set forth. The lecturer said that the real cause of Shakespeare's leaving Stratford for the metropolis at the time he did was believed to be that stated briefly by Aubrey, the earliest of all biographers, 1670. "This William," says Aubrey, "being naturally inclined to poetry and acting, came to London." R. Willis, who gives his own age in 1639 as seventy-five, was born in the same year with Shakespeare, and lived in the neighboring town of Gloucester. Willis describes with great minuteness and with wonderful graphic power a stage play which he saw when he was a boy five years old. The inference which these records suggest is strengthened by others of a later date. The first direct evidence that we have of Shakespeare's being in London is a list of certain persons in that city, engaged as players and as proprietors of the play house. In this company, of which Shakespeare was one, occur the names of several other actors from the same county of Warwick, and one other at least from Stratford itself. The dramatist's leaving Stratford at the time he did needs no further explanation. It requires no fables of deer-stealing and prosecution, no interposition of paternal misfortunes, no fiction of domestic disquietudes and treasons. Shakespeare found himself among the players for the same reason that the birds in spring-time find themselves among the branches. He became a dramatist under the influence of a law as generic as that which draws sweetness from the Æolian harp when kissed by Zephyrus, or that which opens the throats of the feathered tribes when vernal airs and genial skies warm them into melody. It was Nature herself prompting her favorite son to his appropriate work. The strolling players and the merry interludes at the little town of Stratford-upon-Avon were to Shakespeare the mirror of Merlin, revealing to himself the secret of his own wonderful powers. The powers were there. They needed only an occasion to put them in motion.

FASHIONABLE MATCHES.

Marriages in High Life.

Miss May, by her union with Bennett, will obtain a dower-right in a Fifth avenue palace worth $100,000, and in the Bennett building, which is worth eight times as much; also in the Fort Washington estate of forty acres, worth $100,000 per acre, and in the *Herald* building. She will have equipages, diamonds, and all that taste can elaborate on the most costly costumes. Luxury will open its widest gate. The age may be put under key and the contributor to the par ade which so often swells human pride, and yet, after all, it may be only a "splendid misery."

Pope gives a picture of such a life in a few striking lines:

"The gods to curse Pamela in her prayers
Gave the gilt coach and dappled Flanders mares!
The shining robes, rich jewels, beds of state,
And, to conjure up hell, a Wood for hate.
She glares in balls, front boxes, and the ring.
A vain, unquiet, glittering, wretched thing.
Pride, pomp, and state but reach her outward part.
She sighs and is no duchess at her heart."

In some of these marriages in high life the bride insists on a conveyance, before the knot is tied, of a palatial mansion and the means of keeping up an establishment. Such was the case when August Belmont induced the charming Miss Perry to become his bride. He was a repulsive old rake. Hebrew in point of birth, and Atheist in sentiment. The matrimonial pill was gilded with a deed of a Fifth Avenue mansion, and as "hand-money," $100,000 in first-class stock. The transaction in all such cases has the nature of a life insurance benefit. If the incumbrance be removed, then there is a lovely young widow with a fortune who now can please herself. Fernando Wood, in his second marriage carried off a bright young girl, who also obtained an ante-nuptial deed of a Fifth Avenue house worth $100,000, but, unfortunately, she had no idea of the tricky nature of her future spouse. Report says, that just before signing the deed to her he executed a mortgage on the property for $95,000, which was just like him. The emptiness of so-called high life is nothing new.

SPARE THE BIRDS.

A Plea for the Feathered Tribe.

Now that the birds are reappearing and beginning to fill the air with song, we are in a good condition to sympathize with the discussion going on in England in reference to their destruction and the use of their plumage. Lovers of the sweet songsters are incensed that men will cruelly kill them simply for the sake of making money out of their feathers, and do not hesitate to blame the ladies with being as hardhearted as they are vain, when they will consent to be ornamented at the expense of so much pain and destruction to the birds. It is wicked, we are taught, to kill the birds for mere sport, and it must be worse to destroy them for the purpose of ministering to the vanity of those who are willing to appear in borrowed, or rather, stolen plumes, and especially when it is always admitted that unadorned loveliness is the most attractive and in the end the most influential. It is a happy arrangement, however, that the birds of finest plumage are not those of finest song, and that the most desirable warblers of the woods are likely to be spared by their plainness and modesty. Indeed among ladies as well as with birds we always expect to find that which is sweetest unaccompanied by any of the pennated inventions with which so many are wont to feather their caps, and to see them succeed and be a blessing when their decorated sisters have made themselves wings and flown away.

Niagara After a Gale.

The incessant gale from the north and northeast for the past week caused a wonderful change in the Niagara river. During Sunday and Monday the falls presented an appearance such as has not been witnessed since the year 1848. Many of our citizens, and more especially the visitors who happened to be in town, rushed from point to point viewing the wonderful sight. The huge rocks below the American Falls that are usually covered with water from fifteen to twenty feet deep, were bare, and stuck out like mountains. William Glassbrook, the old ferryman, said he could have walked from the entrance to the "Shadow of the Rock" up to the "Cave of the Winds in front of the American Falls without danger. The river between Goat Island and Prospect Park, where the water usually runs more than twenty miles an hour, was checked to such an extent as to be wadable anywhere without the slightest assistance. But the grandest view of all to behold was the great Horseshoe Fall. This had lost fully two-thirds of its immense body of water, and was compared by many with an ordinary mill pond. The stream immediately above Table Rock and far beyond Street's Island, a distance of more than 400 feet, presented one solid bed of rock, but hardly a drop of water. The place just opposite, where the old Terrapin Tower formerly stood, corresponded very much with that already described, and the handful of water that remained comparatively speaking, was forced through the deep channel in the centre, which forms the Horseshoe.

A Striking and Beautiful Providence.

On Tuesday, the 23d of February, at the same hour of the day and the same minute of the hour, Deacon Noah Pease and his wife Lucinda, of Ellington, Rockville, Conn., who were united in marriage more than sixty-three years ago, passed away from this life together and entered upon the life to come almost without any separation, even by death itself, and this not by the same disease, but by diseases entirely distinct and unconnected. Both were over fourscore years of age. This may well be called a rare occurrence, and it is as beautiful as it is rare.

LITTLE ROSE.

She comes with fairy footsteps—
Softly their echoes fall—
And her shadow plays like summer shade
Across the garden wall.
The golden light is dancing bright
'Mid the mazes of her hair,
And her fair young locks are waving free
To the wooing of the air.

Like a sportful fawn she boundeth
So gleefully along;
As a wild young bird she caroleth
The burden of a song.
The summer flowers are clustering thick
Around her dancing feet,
And on her cheeks the summer breeze
Is breathing soft and sweet.

The sunbeams seem to linger
Above the holy head,
And the wild flowers at her coming
Their richest fragrance shed.
And Oh! how lovely light and fragrance
Mingle in the life within:
Oh! how fondly do they nestle
Round the soul that knows no sin.

She comes—the spirit of our childhood—
A thing of mortal birth,
Yet bearing still the breath of Heaven,
To redeem her from the earth.
She comes in bright-robed innocence,
Unsoiled by blot or blight,
And passeth by our wayward path,
A gleam of angel light.

Oh! blessed things are children—
The gifts of heavenly love;
They stand betwixt our world-hearts
And better things above;
They link us with the spirit world
By purity and truth.
And keep our hearts still fresh and young
With the presence of their youth.

AMONG OUR MILLS.

Manufacturing News Concerning Pittsburgh and Its Vicinity.

SEVERAL rolling mills in central and eastern Pennsylvania are having orders for machinery filled in our city.

WAYNE IRON AND STEEL WORKS, Brown & Co., are well off in the matter of orders, both for iron and steel. They are thronged.

THE shop of J. L. Lewis is now employed on orders for rolls and rolling mill machinery to the amount of eighty to one hundred tons.

THE Keystone Bridge Company have the contract for constructing the railroad bridge over Green river, at Greenfield, Mass. The contract price is $46,850.

THE gas heating furnace at the Sligo Iron works, of Phillips, Nimick & Co., is improving under the special management of Mr. Hugh McDonald, the Superintendent.

THE Edgar Thomson Steel Works will be put to work on double turn at the beginning of next week. Their orders have been gaining on their production, and for this reason the company will commence the night and day work.

THE Eclipse Steam Manufacturing Company have lately put several of their Eclipse boilers into as many establishments here. Also, they have sent toward the lakes an order for this well known generator. They have an amount of work on hand of about the proportion that other establishments are blessed with at present.

C. COLEMAN & SON, of the Duquesne Wagon Works, inform us that business with them is good. Last week they received orders from the South for nearly 200 wagons, and a large number of wheelbarrows. They also state, and it may be well for ironworkers to make a note of it, that in eighteen years' business they never bought iron as cheaply as they did last week.

MESSRS. HAY, SHINKLE & MILLER having recently purchased the Monongahela Foundry, together with all the machinery, patterns, &c., belonging thereto, are in full operation and prepared to furnish all kinds of machinery, grist mill machinery being a specialty. This foundry is one of the oldest west of the mountains, and its superior machinery together with the experience of the present owners, guarantee success in manufacturing machinery of the first class.

THE blast furnaces of Everson, Knap & Co. and the rolling mill of Everson, Marcum & Co., both at Scottdale, Westmoreland county, are controlling a lively trade. We learn from the Connellsville *Tribune* that their imports and exports over the B. & O. R. R. for the week ending February 26th, were as follows: Imports—39 cars limestone, 5 cars coke, 6 cars cinder, 1 car brick, 50 individual and 11 company cars ore. Total weight of imports 1069 tons. Exports—7 cars of pig metal, 6 cars muck iron, 1 car sheet iron. Total weight of exports 150 tons. This regardless of their extensive shipments over the Pennsylvania Railroad (which are principally export) we consider quite a handsome trade.

IN the construction of that marvel of furnace architecture, the furnaces of the Etna Iron Company of Ironton, Ohio, Messrs. Reiter & Conley, of our city, have contributed a very important part, the total weight of iron work by this firm being over 600,000 lbs., at a cost of nearly $60,000. A very prominent feature of their part of the work is the boiler stack, 176 feet high, of iron, which is built on a brick base of 18 feet, and is 18 feet in diameter. Starting at 18 feet in diameter it is tapered to 12 feet in the first 29 feet, and from that point it tapers 10 feet to the top mouldings and cornice, making a very imposing effect, while the architectural effect has scarcely ever been equaled by any work of the kind in the country. The weight of the stack is over 95,500 lbs.; 7-16 inch iron is used at the base and ⅜ inch at top. The furnace jackets, of wrought iron, weigh 140,000 lbs., and water tank, also iron, weigh 81,300 lbs.

STATE NEWS.

LAST year the corn crop of this state averaged forty bushel to the acre.

AN ERIE LADY has the arm chair in which "Mad Anthony" Wayne died.

EVERY bank in Meadville has time locks now. That is taking time by the forelock.

LYCOMING, Pa., has a resident seven feet two inches high. Nobody trifles with his friends.

A CITIZEN of Clarion has a music book written by his great grandfather, in Ireland, 160 years ago.

THEY have unearthed new frauds in the Treasurer's office of Norwegian township, Schuylkill county.

MICHAEL BRESLIN and wife, of Schuylkill county, have had twenty children, none of whom were twins.

AT last. A book agent was killed in Bucks county, the other day, by jumping off a train. He didn't strike on his cheek.

THE parents of triplets born in Huntingdon county are selling photographs of the children to secure a fund to educate them.

JACOB EPLER, of Berks county, who is eighty eight, will not go to the Centennial because he would have to travel on the railroad. He has never been on any.

A KNIFE is being made at the Beaver Falls cutlery for the Centennial. It will be nine feet long, and upon it will be pictures of William Penn and Governor Hartranft.

A LITTLE FELLOW not far from Allentown being told by a man to get off his knee, that he was too heavy to hold in that way, made quite a sensation among the persons present by yelling back, "Too heavy, hey? Sister Sal weighs a hundred pounds more than I, and you held her on your knee for four hours last night."

IN the leisure hours of jail life, some inmates of the Chester county prison have educated and domesticated a mouse. It leaps over bars, climbs poles, walks backward and climbs a miniature ladder reaching to its house. Its owner curtailed it to take away its spirit, and plunged it in a bucket of water for every act of disobedience. This treatment had its effect.

ON FRIDAY a lady by the name of Mrs. Street, living one mile east of Sharon, went out of her house for a short time, leaving her daughter, aged eight years, alone in the house. When she returned, she was horror stricken to find her child in bed burnt to a crisp. It appears that while the mother was out, the child went to the stove and her clothes caught fire, burning her entire body to a crisp. Dr. Heilman was called, but the burning was fatal, the child dying after about three hours terrible suffering.

DRY GOODS, TRIMMINGS.

1876.

Still Further Attractions and Inducements in all Departments,

AT

WILLIAM SEMPLE'S,

165, 167 AND 169 FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA.

We are much pleased to announce to our patrons STILL FURTHER ATTRACTIONS in

OUR SILK DEPARTMENT,

Having now in stock opened to-day,

At $1.15 Per Yard,

A full line of newest shades in COLORED DRESS SILKS, a superior bargain. Also full lines of colors in better qualities, at equally as good bargains. Having sold such a large quantity of

HAND LOOM BLACK SILKS,

At $1.75 per yard, which gave such general satisfaction, we are now enabled to offer these

REAL HAND SPUN SILKS

At $1.50 PER YARD, imported and made especially for our own sales. Our Silk stock this year having received especial attention, it is with pleasure we invite an examination, as it is unusually large and attractive in every grade. New

LIGHT TINTS FOR EVENING

Wear, and a beautiful assortment of new CHECK AND STRIPED SILKS, at a bargain. Opened this day, at 31c per yard, A SPECIAL BARGAIN in

BLACK HERNANI,

Much less than usual value. As per announcement last week, all numbers of

BLACK CASHMERES

Will be found on counters at the reduced prices. Large variety of

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

From 12½c upward.

NEW ATTRACTIONS DAILY.

Jos. Horne & Co.,

197 and 199 PENN AVE.,

Have opened this week in

MUSLIN UNDERGARMENT DEPARTMENT,

At low prices, a full line of

LADIES' CHEMISE,

From 36 to 45 inch band.

Drawers, Toilet Sacques, Night Gowns, Underskirts, Walking Skirts, Trail Skirts, &c.

Misses' Chemises, Drawers, Night Gowns and Skirts, all sizes.

For Infants' wear—Dresses, Plain and Handsomely Trimmed.

Long and Short Slips.

Muslin and Flannel Underskirts.

MERINO CLOAKS,

With and without Capes, in Drab, Blue, Brown and White.

Embroidered Merino Shawls.

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IMPORTERS AND JOBBERS OF

DRY GOODS,

Respectfully call the attention of their friends generally, and buyers about to visit New York, to their stock of

Laces, Embroideries, Ribbons,

WHITE GOODS, LINENS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, NOTIONS,

Woolens, Hosiery, &c., &c., And ask that buyers will examine the same before purchasing elsewhere.

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First Premium Awarded AT PITTSBURGH EXPOSITION FOR

Brussels Carpets,

FROM

M'FARLAND, COLLINS & CO.,

Who have just opened an invoice of the new

WOVEN DRUGGETS,

The first that have been made for 2 years, and are especially suited for this market.

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Next to U. S. Custom House and Postoffice.

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A CHOICE STOCK.

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CARPETS!

No. 77 Fifth Avenue,

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AT

WILLIAM SEMPLE'S,

FEDERAL STREET, ALLEGHENY CITY, PENNSYLVANIA.

Two of our buyers having been in the markets last week of NEW YORK and BOSTON, all

THE LATEST NOVELTIES

And SPECIAL GOOD BARGAINS may now be found on our counters. At 12½c, an extra bargain in

WHITE CORDED PIQUES.

A full line of WHITE GOODS of every description at lowest prices. The Latest Novelties in

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A large and beautiful assortment in every grade.

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For Ladies, Misses and Children. New attractions in Ladies'

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And OVERDRESSES, in a great variety of materials, made and trimmed in

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At very low prices. We are now receiving and opening a new and large assortment of Ladies', Misses', Children's, Gents' and Boys'

BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS,

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In new styles

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And made in New Spring Style.

New Goods at Lowest Prices.

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For the early Spring season. Full lines of everything in the way of

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BLEACHED MUSLINS.

Lonsdale, Fruit of the Loom, Utica, Hill, Wamsutta, Half Bleached Pocahontas, Androscoggin, Laconia. The above comprises the best makes in the market, laid each and all of them our prices will be the lowest.

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DAILY GAZETTE.

FINANCIAL.

Latest Advices Concerning Money and Stock Matters.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } FRIDAY, March 10, 1876. }

There was but little discounting done at the banks yesterday. Good paper was in demand, rates for which remain easy at 8 @9 per cent. The supply of money is increasing daily, so that bankers are puzzled to find employment for their idle balances.

Eastern exchange was in good demand, on lessened supply, but the rate between banks was unchanged at 50 cents per thousand discount.

The gross receipts of the Government from March 4, 1789, to June 30, 1861, were $2,263,660,610, and from July 1, 1861, to June 30, 1875, $12,709,645,060. The receipts during the former period of seventy-eight and one-third years being seventeen and eight-tenths per cent. of the latter period of fifteen years. The gross expenditures for the first period were $2,230,947,-173, and for the latter period $12,566,892,-570, the former period being seventeen and seven-tenths of the latter. Taking the early administrations, inclusive of Jackson's, as a basis of calculation, the Republican party should have lost $160,000,000 by defalcations since they came into power, to equal the percentage of defalcations in the administrations from Washington to Jackson inclusive. When the settlement is completed it will be shown that the percentage of losses to expenditures during the last fifteen years has not reached one-tenth of the percentage of losses in the seventy-eight previous years.

The St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern Railroad Company held its annual stockholders' meeting at St. Louis on Wednesday, and elected the following Board of Directors: William H. Swift, John Bigelow, George S. Morrison, George C. Ward, Joseph S. Lowrey, and Henry G. Marquand of New York; U. M. Rose and J. M. Loughborough, of Little Rock; Gerard B. Allen, Sylvester H. Laflin, Wm. R. Allen, S. D. Barlow, and Thomas Allen, of St. Louis. These gentlemen were in the former board, with the exception of Messrs. Morrison and Lowrey. The annual report shows a very successful business for 1875, considering the general condition of railroad interests, showing an increase of net earnings over the previous year of 45 per cent., and giving promise of still further improvement in the future.

The annual statement of the Illinois Central Railroad is out, and shows gross earnings for the year of $7,841,781, against $7,947,855 in 1874. The net earnings were $2,670,082, the working expenses being 65 7-10 per cent. of the gross earnings.

Robinson Brothers, Bankers, No. 78 Fourth avenue, furnish the following quotations of bonds and stocks from the latest advices by telegraph:

Gold	114½	5-20's 1868-coupons	123
5's, 1881, coup	123	10-40's, Reg	118½
" 1864, all called	—	10-40's, coupon	118¾
" 1865	118¾	New 5 per cents	118¾
" 1865, new	119¼	10-40's—coupons	118¾
6-20's 1867	122½		

RAILWAYS.

N. Y. Cen.	106¾	Ohio & Miss. pfd.	21¼
Erie	11	Union Pacific	66½
L. S.	102¾	Toledo & Wabash	9¾
C. C. & I. C.	4½	Harlem	142
Pac. Mail	19¾	Hann. & St. Jo.	6
Do. Pref	38¾	American Express	63¼
Do. Central	68	U. S. Express	73½
Michigan Southern	85¾	Wells, Fargo & Co. Ex.	87
North Western Com	43¾	Quicksilver	17
Do. Pref	85¼	Fort Wayne	116½
Rock Island	104¾	Manhat. & St. Nor.	18½
Clev. & Pitts	93¾	Panama	133½
Pacific Mail	20¼	Iron Mountain	25
Western Union Tel.	92		

Robinson Brothers furnish the following quotations of active stocks on the Philadelphia Stock Board:

P. R. R. (S)	56¼	Cen. Trans (B)	48½
Reading (S)	51¾	Empire De (B)	42½
U. Cos. of N. J. (B)	144¾	A. V. R. R. 7-8 (B)	99¾
Oil Creek (B)	13¾	P. C. & St. L. 7's (S)	85
Lehigh Valley (B)	62¾		

NEW YORK, March 9, 1876.

Money 3@4; prime mercantile paper 4½ @5½. The customs receipts were $350,000. The Assistant Treasurer disbursed $154,-000. The clearings were $22,000,000. Sterling was steady at 485½@489½. Gold opened at 114¾ and closed at 114¾. The carrying rates were 1 to 3½. Governments were strong. Railroad bonds were firm and in good demand. State securities were dull.

At the Stock Exchange business was confined mostly to Lake Shore, Western Union and Pacific Mail. Outside of these shares the market was dull. Lake Shore was strong, Western Union and Pacific Mail about steady, Ohios advanced ⅜, and Union Pacific declined to 68¼, closing at 68¾, and at the close rallied to 69 bid and 45 asked. There was rather more than usual done in long sellers' options to-day, generally sixty days, chiefly in Western Union and Lake Shore, about ⅜@⅝ per cent. under the price in the regular way. The transactions aggregated 175,000 shares, of which 18,000 were Pacific Mail, 51,000 Western Union, 67,000 Lake Shore, 8,000 Ohios, and 7,000 Michigan Central.

Governments—United States Coupons 1881, 123; 5-20s '65, 118¾; do. new, 119½; do. '67, 121½; do. '68, 123; 10-40s, 118¾; do. coupons, 118¾; new 5s, 118¾; currency 6s, 126¾.

State Bonds—Tennessees old, 42; do. new, 42; Virginia new, 34; old 34; Missouri 6s, 103¾.

Stocks—Western Union Telegraph Co., 67½; Pacific Mail, 22¾; Adams Express, 105; Wells, Fargo & Company's Express, 87; American Express, 63½; United States Express, 74½; New York Central, 115½; Erie, 18; do. preferred, 35; Harlem, 143; do. preferred, 134; Michigan Central 68; Union Pacific, 68¾; Lake Shore, 64½; Illinois Central, 102½; Pittsburgh, 95½; North-western Common, 43¾; do. preferred, 86; New Jersey Central, 10½; Rock Island, 110¾; St. Paul, 43¾; do. preferred, 80¾; Toledo & Wabash, 9¾; do. preferred, 9½; Fort Wayne, 104; Terre Haute, 5; do. preferred, 18½; Chicago & Alton, 103½; do. preferred, 106; Ohio & Mississippi, 21; Indiana Central, 4¾; Burlington & Quincy, 183; Hannibal & St. Joseph, 18¾; Delaware & Lackawana, 118; Atlantic & Pacific Telegraph Co., 19; Central Pacific, 108¾; Union, 105¾; do. Grant, 103; Mariposa, 7½; do. preferred, 8½; Panama, 132½; Missouri Pacific, 113.

LONDON, March 9—5 P. M.—The rate of discount in open market for three months' bills is 3⅜ per cent., being ⅛ below the Bank of England rate. Consols: money, 94 1-16; account, 94 5-16; 5-20s '65, 105; do '67, 107 1-2; 10-40s, 105½; new 5s, 105½; New York Central, 104; Erie, 15½; preferred 30.

PARIS, March 9.—Rentes, 66f 80c.

FRANKFORT, March 9.—U. S. new 58, 101¾.

COMMERCIAL.

Condition of the Markets at Home and Abroad.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } THURSDAY, March 9, 1876. }

The leading merchandise markets are still devoid of any new features deserving of special notice The hand-to-mouth policy is being pretty closely adhered to; both jobbers, retailers and consumers, are not inclined to anticipate future wants, and this, to a very considerable extent, accounts for general business being quiet. It usually is at this season of the year. In regard to values, there have been no recent changes of any consequence.

APPLES—In fair supply and prices are easier but unchanged; a round lot could probably be obtained at a slight reduction, but the inquiry is mostly for small lots; we continue to quote at $2,10@2,50 ₱ bbl for fair to prime.

ASHES—Following are the current rates—in a jobbing way: Common Soda, (48 per cent.) 2¾@3c; Refined do., (60 per cent.) 3¾@4c; Pearl ash, 7¾@8; Potash, 7c; Nitrate Soda, 3¾@4c; Manganese, 2½@3; Arsenic, 5c; Flour Spar, 2½@3c.

ALE—There is no change to note in prices and trade is generally reported dull, like everything else, affected by the hard times. X ₱ ½ bbl to the city and ₱ to country; XX ₱10; India ₱11. half bbls in proportion.

BEANS—The market continues dull, and prices are weak but unchanged; Navies quoted at $1,20@1,25 per bushel.

BUTTER—The receipts have been quite liberal for some days past but the most of that coming forward is old stock, and the consequence is while common and medium grades are very dull, prime table Butter is scarce and in demand Sales reported at 33a35c for prime to strictly choice rolls; 28a30c for medium to good and 15a20c for common.

CHEESE—There is a continued steady demand but no quotable change in prices; prime Ohio Factory, 13¾a14c, New York do, 14½a15. A New York paper of Wednesday says: Each alternate week has a direct London steamer, as was the case the past week, hence the larger shipments. Those of the present week will probably be lighter. A very large portion of the cheese sent abroad during the past week were fine, worth 13¾a14c. There are rumors of 14½c being paid this P. M. The cable advance of 2s, though anticipated, lends strength to the market, ; so that the higher prices are more readily obtained, We do not quote an advance.

One feature, or prospective negotiation, has some significance. It is sometimes difficult to compute the quality of Canadian cheese likely to come upon this market in the spring, but from the fact that parties there are attempting to buy cheese here, and have them shipped to Europe from this port, shows that they have few of their own make to spare. We rate the market firm, though not very active, at the figures. A few sales are a lot of 4,500 to ship at 14c; 2,000 other fine cheese at 14c, and 4,000 October Marshfield, not rated strictly choice, at 14c.

CANNED GOODS—Following are the prevailing jobbing rates:

2 lb Blackberries	$2 50	2 lb Bartlett Pears	$3 00
2 lb Blueberries	2 00	2 lb Common Pears	2 00
2 lb White Cherries	2 75	2 lb Pine Apple	2 00
2 lb Red Cherries	2 00	2 lb Quinces	2 00
2 lb Gooseberries	1 50	2 lb Raspberries	2 75
2 lb Green Gages	2 00	2 lb Strawberries	2 00
2 lb Egg Plums	3 00	2 lb Lima Beans	2 00
2 lb Damson Plums	2 50	2 lb String Beans	1 50
2 lb Peaches	1 75	2 lb Winslow's Corn	2 25
3 lb Peaches	2 25	2 lb Peas	2 25
3 lb pie Peaches	1 60	2 lb Tomatoes	1 50

DRIED FRUIT—Continues dull, but prices are still maintained; 9a11c ₱ lb for common to choice Apples. Peaches—prime old halves, 11¾a12c—no new in the market. Blackberries reported very dull at 11a12c.

EGGS—Are coming forward freely, hence notwithstanding there is a very fair demand prices are weak and drooping—we now give 16 as the ruling price, although some dealers were asking 17 to-day.

FLOUR—There is a fair demand for good standard flours, while low grades, made from sprouty wheat, of which there is a good deal offering, are difficult to dispose of at any price. We continue former quotations: Spring wheat flours, ₱6,25@6,75; double and triple figure for choice Minnesotas; red winters, $6,50a7; amber, $7,00a7,50; fancy white wheat brands, $8a9. Rye flour, $4,75a5. Buckwheat flour is in good supply and very dull, 2c2¼c ₱ lb.

GROCERIES—The grocery market continues to drag, and while business is possibly improving somewhat, it is not what it should be or usually is at this season of the year; however, the almost impassable condition of the roads is keeping back country orders. Our New York dispatch, of yesterday, reported Coffee firmer, while Baltimore, on the other hand, was reported dull and nominal. Refined Sugars firm, with prices ⅛ to ¼c higher at the refineries.

RICE.

Carolina	7 @7¼	Louisiana	5¼@6¾

SYRUPS.

Choice	65 @70	Fair	55 @58
Prime	60 @63	Dark	45 @50

MOLASSES.

N.O. choice	60	N.O. strictly prime	58
Fair	55	Demarara	50@53

SUGARS.

Cut Loaf	12¼	Standard B	10
Crushed	11¾	Standard C	9¾
Granulated	11¼	Refined Yellows	8¾@ 9¼
Powdered	11¾	N. O. new crop	8 @ 9
Standard A	10¾		

COFFEES.

Fancy Rio	23½	B. Rio, lb pkgs	27
Prime Rio	22 @23	R. Rio, loose	26½
Good Rio	20½ @21	Roasted Java	30 to 40
Old Gov. Java	34		

GRAIN—The grain markets continue dull, unusually so for this season of the year, but it is hoped and expected that there will soon be an improvement in the demand at least; some of our merchants report that trade has been more depressed since the first of the year than at any time since the panic. There is still some inquiry for Wheat, mostly from country millers, but they continue to complain that they cannot get enough to keep in motion with Western floars; in other words, it would appear that western flours can be laid down here for less money than millers hereabouts can make it for. We continue to quote good to prime Ohio and Indiana red at $1,30a1,35. The Oat market is quiet and unchanged; mixed 48a48c; white, 42a44c. Shelled Corn still quotable at 45c@50c for mixed to prime Ohio and Indiana yellow; prime Kansas and Missouri yellow, 45a46c. Ear Corn is reported dull but unchanged at 45a50c. Rye weak; quotable at 78a80c.

HIDES—The prices have declined since our last report. There is no demand for heavy steers, but cows, bulls and damaged are lower and hard to sell. We quote:

Green Salted Cows			6¾a 7
Green Salted Steers, Light			7¾a 8
Green Salted Steers, Heavy			8 @ 9
Green Salted Calf			9 @11
Green Buttcher Steers			5½
Green Butcher Steers, light			6
Green Butcher Steers, heavy			6
Green Butcher Calf			10

HOMINY—Quiet and unchanged; quotable a $3,75 ₱ bbl to the trade, and $4a4,25 in a small way.

HAY—Baled continues very dull; upland prairie quoted at $9a12 ₱ ton; timothy $15a17, according to quality and condition.

LARD—Continues dull; general trade is rather quiet in this article. Harness in fair demand. Upper very dull. Calf slow. Rough Leather of choice quality scarce. Red Sole unchanged. We quote:

Oak Sole, country		0.31@ 0.35	
Oak Sole, city		0.34@ 0.38	
Red Sole, B.A. heav and mid		0.29@ 0.30	
Red Sole, Oronoco		0.28@ 0.29	
Red Sole, good 6@8		0.25@ 0.28	
Oak, Rough		0.24@ 0.27	
Harness, city oak		0.36@ 0.38	
Harness, country		0.34@ 0.36	
Harness, No. 2 and common		0.28@ 0.32	
Skirting, No. 1		0.34@ 0.36	
Fair Bridle, ₱ doz		.54 .60@.66 .00	
Belt Leather		0.40@ 0.44	
Finished Calf		0.75@ 0.90	
Finished Upper, ₱ foot		0.18@ 0.22	
Finished Kips		0.16@ 0.20	

ONIONS—There is an increasing demand, and prices are firmer; $1,75a2 ₱ bbl.

MILL FEED—The market continues very dull, but the inquiry is mostly for small lots, and there has been no quotable change in prices. Bran $14a15 ₱ ton; Seconds and Shipstuffs, $17a18; Middlings and Chopped Feed, $20a22, as to quality.

POTATOES—While the receipts are not large, the supply still appears to be in excess of the demand and prices are weak; we continue to quote at 27a 30c ₱ bushel on track by the car load, and the usual advance over these rates, in a jobbing way, from store.

PROVISIONS—Our dispatches, yesterday—both from Cincinnati and Chicago, reported those markets firmer, and our market has sympathized, although trade is only fair.

Hams—Extra S. C.		Do. half barrels	14¾
Sugar Do.	14¾	Do. buckets	15
Shoulders, Ex. S. C.	10¾	Lard, Ref. for summer use, in tierces	—
S'fast Bacon, S. C.	14¾	Do. in ¼ bbls	—
Dried Beef, Ex. Sugar Cured, old	15	Do. in ½ bbls	—
Best Tongues, S. C.		Do. in buckets	—
per doz	@8¾	Do. 3 lb caddies	17¾
Bacon Shoulders	10	Do. 5 lb pails	17¾
Rib Sides	12½	Do. 8 lb pails	18¾
Short Rib do	13½	Do. 5 lb do	18
Clear Sides	13¾	Do. 10 lb do	18¾
Mess Pork, per bbl	$22.25	Ham Sausage	9
Family Mess do	23.25	Chesnut Sausage	—
Short Cut "	22.25	Pig's Feet, in kegs	$1.90
Lard, Prime Leaf in tierces, per lb	14	Do. ½ bbls	$3.75
		Do. bbls	7.50

SEEDS—Continue quiet and unchanged; Clover, $9a9,25 ₱ bushel; Timothy, $2,65a2,75; Flax, $1,40a 1,50.

POULTRY—Dressed Chickens, 13a15c ₱ lb; live do., 9a10c ₱ pair; dressed Turkeys, 16a17c.

RAGS—Steady at 3c ₱ lb for good country mixed.

PITTSBURGH LIVE STOCK MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } THURSDAY, March 9, 1876. }

ARRIVALS.

Following shows the arrivals of each day during he week, as well as the aggregate, and the aggregate of the preceding week:

	Cattle. Through.	Cattle. Local.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Friday	38 cars.	2 cars.	9 cars.	6 cars.
Saturday	15 "	3 "	7 "	4 "
Sunday	38 "	19 "	20 "	17 "
Mond'y	30 "	21 "	5 "	7 "
Tuesday	9 "	43 "	16 "	24 "
Wednesday	9 "	11 "	9 "	9 "
Thursday	69 "	12 "	11 "	5 "
Total	222 "	169 "	71 "	72 "
Last week	206 "	167 "	110 "	65 "

CATTLE.

The market opened stronger, and an advance of 20 a25c ₱ cwt was established and maintained up until 2 o'clock, when, however, under the influence of increased arrivals and unfavorable advices, there was a reaction; prices weakened, and trade was dragg from then until the close. There was scarcely any inquiry on New York account, the best evidence of which is that there were but 5 cars bought for shipment to that point. There was a fair demand for Philadelphia on Tuesday and up until noon on Wednesday, when intelligence was received that Morris & Co. had some 30 or 40 cars en route to that market from Chicago; this caused the Philadelphia buyers to weaken, and they did not buy as many cattle as they would have done, and the advance established at the opening was almost, if not altogether, lost. Sellers, in view of the very limited supply, were impressed with the belief that they were to have a good market, at last, but it was of short duration, and there is every reason to believe that if there had been anything like an average supply, the market, instead of being better, would have been fully as bad as at any time this year. To-day there were but few cattle on sale, yet the supply was fully up to the demand, and prices may be quoted 15a20c per cwt lower than yesterday, and the general tone of the market weak and unsatisfactory.

As has been the case for several weeks past, the great proportion of the supply was common in point of quality; so far as we have been able to learn, there was not been a single drove of strictly prime beef cattle on the market for two weeks, hence while there were no sales reported above 5¾c, a few cars of choice heaves could have been disposed of at 5¾c. The demand for stock cattle was not equal to that of last week, and with but few country buyers in the inquiry for the common and medium grades was also comparatively light. Ordinarily with such a large falling off in the supply there would not have been much difficulty in putting up prices and keeping them up, but the market is exceedingly sensitive; operators have done little or no good for some time past, hence they are very sensitive, refuse to operate as they did prior to the panic, and the truth is many of them are not in a condition to take the chances now that they did then.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 1,400 a 1,500 steers—none on sale	6.00a6.25
Prime 1,200a1,300 steers	5.25a5.50
Fair 1,000a1,100 steers	4.50a5.00
Stockers 900a1,000 lbs	3.50a4.00
Cows, Bulls and Stags	2.50a4.50

SHEEP.

The run as will be seen, was somewhat larger than that of last week, but on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, with a very fair demand, trade was fairly active at an advance of 20a25c ₱ cwt; today, Thursday, under the influence of unfavorable reports both from New York and Philadelphia the market was easier in tone, but with a very light supply, prices were fully sustained. The average quality was rather better than usual; there were several bunches grading from prime to extra on sale and for these extreme prices were realized, 7¼a8c. The general outlook warrants the prediction that prime stock is destined to hold its own for some weeks to come, as there is usually an increased demand for sheep of this character about this season of the year; however, the market would not stand much crowding, but we do not apprehend that there is much danger of an oversupply. It is true common and medium grades are higher also, but they do not sell as readily or bring as good prices relatively as the finer grades.

QUOTATIONS.

Extra 100a130 lbs	7.00a7.50
Prime 90a95 lbs	6.50a6.75
Good 80a95 lbs	6.00a6.25
Fair 70a85 lbs	5.50a5.75
Common 70a75 lbs	4.50a5.00
Indianas, according to quality	4.50a6.50

HOGS.

The arrivals continue light, the average during the past week being less than eleven cars per day, and Philadelphia hogs have been further advanced; Yorkers remain about the same. Some few sales of be former were made at 5¾a5¾c; but, so far as we could learn, there were no Yorkers sold above 5,40a5,50. To-day the market for all grades was dull, and prices were easier but not quotably lower, as there were but very few on sale; Philadelphia buyers did not buy a single hog, and York shippers took hold very sparingly. Still fed hogs have commenced to come forward, and we look for increased receipts from this on, as feeders will be anxious to sell before there is a tumble in prices.

QUOTATIONS.

Philadelphia Hogs 250a350 lbs	5.25@5.75
Good Yorkers 150a210 lbs	5.20@5.40
Light Pigs 110a150 lbs	5.00@5.25
Stillers 220a300 lbs	5.00@5.20
Rough stock	4.00@4.75

PITTSBURGH DRUG MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } THURSDAY, March 9, 1876. }

Corrected by HARRIS & EWING, Wholesale Druggists, corner Liberty and Tenth streets.

We are in receipt of a revised price list from the manufacturers of White Lead, in which they quote strictly pure white lead in Oil—

In 25, 50, 100, 200 and 500 lb. kegs at			10c per lb
12½ lb. kegs			10¾c
25 lb tin pails			11c
12½ lb. tin pails			11¼c
Acac., sorts ₱ lb	20a 30 lb	Oil, Anise	$3.50a3.70 lb
Do select	35a 40 lb	Bergam	5.00a5.50 lb
1st select	40a 50 lb	Cassia	2.00a2.20 lb
Acid. Citric	1.03a1.12 lb	Castor	13 a17 lb
Oxalic	17a 20 lb	Lemon	4.25a4.50 lb
Tartaric	54a 59 lb	Linseed R	60a65 gal
Alcohol	2.12½a2.25 gal	Linseed B	65a70 gal
Aloes, cape	18a 20 lb	Neatsfoot	80a1.35 gal
A Barb	40a 50 lb	Olive	1.25a2.00 oz
Socot		Qts	4.25a6.50 oz
Alum	3¾a 4¼ lb	" Pts	7.50a10.00 oz
Amm., Aq	8a 12 lb	Orange	3.50a4.00 lb
Carb	20a 22 lb	Origanum	70a1.20 lb
Arnica, Flor	20a 22 lb	Pennyroyl	1.50a2.00 lb
Assafœtida	25a 30 lb	Peppermint	5.00a5.50 lb
Bals. Copaib	90a 95 lb	Sassafras	75a85 lb
Canada	48a 50 lb	Wintergr'n	4.00a4.25 lb
Bay Rum	2.75a4.00 gal	Pot, Bi Carb	35 lb
Bi. Sub car	2.75a3.00 lb	Bi Chrom	22a24 lb
Sub nit	2.60a2.75 lb	Chlorate	32a 35 lb
Blue Mass	70 lb	Chlorate	32a 40 lb
Vitriol	11a12 lb	Iodid	2.75a3.00 lb
Borax, ref'd	14a 17 lb	Quinine	2.30a2.40 oz
Brim., Roll	4a 5¾ lb	Root, Gent	8 a12 lb
Flor, sulp	5a 6 lb	Gin, E. I	17 lb
Buchu	16a 25 lb	Gin, Jam	27 lb
Calomel Am	1.25 lb	Ipecac P	1.35 lb
Camphor ref	30a 34 lb	Jalap P	45 lb
Camwood	5a 9 lb	Rhubarb	1.00a1.50 lb
Chamo, Ger	50 lb	" Pow	1.00a1.50 lb
Rom	36 lb	Sar, Hond	30 lb
Chloral Hyd	2.50 lb	Sar, Mex	28 lb
Chlorefor	1.00a1.15 lb	Senega	1.00a1.20 lb
Cincho, Pale	70a 80 lb	Spigelia	35 lb
Red	1.20a1.30 lb	Val, Eng	45 lb
Yellow	30a 40 lb	" Ger	25 lb
Cochineal	70a 80 lb	Saffron Am	60a1.00 lb
Copperas	2a 3 lb	Sal Ammon	16a 18 lb
Cream Tar	42a 45 lb	Epsom	3a 4 lb
Cubebs	15a 20 lb	Glauber	2¼a 4 lb
Dovers Po'd	1.50a1.60 lb	Rochelle	38 lb
Ergot	60a 70 lb	Soda	2a 3½ lb
Ether, Nit	45a 48 lb	Seed, Can'y	15a 16 lb
Sul	70a 75 lb	Cardam	2.50 lb
Ex. Logw'd	13¾a14 lb	Strych. Cry	75a1 lb
Liqu. Cal	32a 45 lb	Mustard	8a 10 lb
" Ital	25a 30 lb	Senna, Alex	30 lb
Fustic	3a 4 lb	E. I	22a 24 lb
Glycer, Pure	20a 20 lb	Tinnev	10a 12 lb
Bowers'	20a 20 lb	Shellac	62a 70 lb
Indigo, Man	1.00a1.20 lb	Soap, Castile	11a 14 lb
S. P. I	1.00a1.25 lb	White	18a 21 lb
Iodine	4.00a4.25 lb	Soda Ash	2½a 3 lb
Iodoform	8.5 oz	Bi Carb	5a 6 lb
Jalap, Pwd	75a 80 lb	Strych. Cry	2.55a3.00 oz
Logwood	2¾a 3¾ lb	Fulv	2.30a2.75 oz
Madder	12a 17 lb	Sugar Lead	24a 28 oz
Magnes, Cal	80a1.00 lb	Turpen, spts	45a 50 gal
Carb	30a 35 lb	Var. Couch	1.88a4.00 gal
Manna, Fla	80 lb	Copal	1.25a2.00 gal
Morph, Sul	4.40a4.60oz	Damar	1.50a1.60 gal
Nit. Silver	96 oz	Japan	75a1.10 gal
Opium	6.60a6.80 lb	Venet. Red	2½a 4½ ₱ lb
Powd	8.20a9.40 lb	Whiting	1¾a 2½ ₱ 1

PITTSBURGH PETROLEUM MARKET.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH GAZETTE, } THURSDAY, March 9, 1876. }

The market for Crude was firm and a shade higher to-day; Conduit and United certificates, $2.06¾ $2.07½; Union, $1.95; outside lines, 1.87½; immediate shipment, $2.12½a2.18. There has been little or no movement in barge oil; refiners can't buy it, because there is no drawback on the refined that's it. Quotable at $2,25—it is understood that there was one barge sold at $2,25. Refined was reported firmer, but there is nothing doing here; refiners generally report that current prices do not cover actual cost.

The Farrel market continues dull and unchanged; countries, $1,05; city make, $1,18a1,20.

SHIPMENTS CRUDE OIL VIA. A. V. R. R.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Bushnell	Brilliant & w	1,643
Do	Brilliant o w	5,529
Robinson	Loomis & Co	149
Total		7,158

SHIPMENTS OF REFINED OIL EAST PER ALLEGHENY VALLEY RAILROAD.

Shipper.	Consignee.	Bbls.
Livingston Bros	Warden, Fa Co	310
Lockhart & Flynn	Warden, Fa Co	324
Standard Oil Co	Warden F & Co	667
Total		1,418

New York Wool Market.

There have been no important changes during the past week, the demand for wool has been quite small, but in the aggregate a moderate volume has been reached. The holders of fleeces remain firm in their views, as it is the general opinion that present supplies will be exhausted ere the new clip comes in; the lowest no sacrifices are offered, and this would tend to restrict even the limited sales going on at the present, for manufacturers are in no condition to accumulate stocks. The tone of prices, their goods still being quite slow of sale, and at barely remunerative prices. For California a moderate inquiry is reported, cash buyers being appreciated and favored. The movement in Texas wools continue moderate, more on account of the present quotations which are deemed high by buyers. Foreign wools sell in a small way at previous prices. We quote:

Domestic Fleeces—Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia: XXX and Picklock, 50a54c; XX, 46a48c; X, 42a44c; No. 1, 41a43c; No. 2, 40a42c; Common, 35a 42c; Combing, 47a52½c. New York, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin: XX, 44a46c; X, 40a44c; No. 1, 41a43c; No. 2, 38a40c; Common, 35a 42c; Combing, 50a56c. Iowa, Vermont and Illinois: X and XX, 42a44c; No. 1, 41a43c; No. 2, 37½a39c; Common, 35a36c. Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee: Washed fleece, 42a46c; unwashed fleece, 30a 35c; unwashed Combing, 33a42c.

British Iron and Steel Exports in January.

Below is a summary, in tons, of all iron and steel shipments in January:

Articles.	1875.	1874.
Pig Iron	54,169	44,626
Bar, angle, bolt and rod	19,401	19,460
Railroad of all sorts	36,171	23,186
Wire, except telegraph	3,647	4,164
Hoops, sheets, &c	6,015	5,109
Tin plates	10,563	8,677
Cast or wrought	15,804	15,121
Old Iron	781	1,146
Steel unwrought	2,058	1,415
Steel manufactures	806	774
Total	154,737	133,798

Chicago Seed Market.

The business transacted in this market was only moderate in volume, and about the only change of importance exhibited was in clover, which was firmer. Timothy sold at $2,65 ₱ bushel, cash, prime, and a lot of extra choice sold at $2,67½. Clover was very scarce, and dealers were very generally asking $6,40a6,50 for prime; medium, though sales reported ranged at $6,35a6,40, as to quality. Mammoth sold at $6,40a6,50, and was quiet but quotable at $1,10a1,25. Sales of Hungarian were reported at 45a48c and millet at 80a90c for common to prime. Buckwheat was nominal.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, March 9, 1876.

FLOUR—Dull and unchanged.

GRAIN—Wheat dull; No. 2 Chicago spring 97¼c; spot 98¾c seller April; $102¼ seller May; No. 3 82 1-2a83c; rejected 71 1-2c. Corn steady; No. 2 mixed 43 3-8a 43 1-2c spot; 43 7-8c asked seller April; 47 1-8c bid seller May. Oats dull and nominal. Barley firm; 57 1-2a58c spot; 56 1-2c seller April. Rye quiet and firm; 63a64c.

PROVISIONS—Pork steady; $22,15a22,20 spot; $22,27 1-2a22,30 seller March; $22,52 1-2 a22,55 seller May. Lard dull $13,12 1-2 spot; $13,20 1-2a13,30 seller April; $13,47 1-2a13,50 seller May. Bulk meats firm and unchanged.

WHISKY—$105.

On call board wheat was unchanged. Corn ¼c lower. Oats dull. Pork firmer; $22,37 1-2 April; $27,50 May.

New York.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Flour in a little better request; receipts 7,009; No. 2 $4,30,85; super western and State $4a4,50; common to good $4,65a5,25; good to choice $5,30a 5,75; extra Ohio $4,90a7,25; St. Louis $5,25a 9. Rye flour steady; $4,10a5. Corn meal heavy; $2,85a3,10. Wheat rather more steady and in a little better demand; receipts 16,000; No. 1 spring $1,34; ungraded $1,20; No. 2 Chicago $1,22a1,26; No. 3 nominally $1,08a1,16; winter western $1,30a1,40; white $1,48. Rye quiet; State 80a85c; western 78a82c. Barley and malt quiet. Corn quiet and steady; receipts 82,000; graded 62¾a63c; western mixed and new ungraded 62a63¼c; new yellow western ungraded 63¼c. Oats a shade firmer; receipts 21,000 bushels, western mixed State 43½a48c; white 47a51c. Hay firm; shipping 75a85c. Hops firm; eastern and western 11a18c. Coffee quiet; jobbing 15a19c. Sugar quiet; fair to good refining 7¾c; prime 7¾c. Molasses quiet at 45a 60c. Petroleum quiet; crude 8½c; refined 14c; cases 18¼a21c; naphtha city 9½c. Tallow 9a9¼c. Rosin quiet. Turpentine quiet at 39c. Eggs quiet; western 15a16c; State and Pennsylvania 16½c. Pork firm at $23. Beef unchanged. Cut meats firm; western quiet; middles quiet; long clear 12½c; city 13c. Lard closed firm; prime steam $13,65a13,67½. Butter firm; western 15a22c; State 20a25c. Cheese 6a12½c. Whisky demand fair and market firm at $1,09.

Live Stock.

NEW YORK, March 9.—Beeves: receipts 645 head, making 2,870 for three days, against 233 same time last week; quality about medium, generally ranging from common to good; demand weak; market extremely dull at a further reduction of nearly 1½c; quality fat ones 8½c; common to very good steers 9a10¾c; a few prime and extra at 11¼a12c; three car loads fat bulls at 4¾a4½c, live weight. Sheep: receipts 4,750, making 8,620 for three days, against 7,620 same time last week; prices further declined; market closed weak; 5¼a7¾c for common to extra, lowest figure for car load lots; inferior to fair ones 3½a5

HOME NEWS.

The probabilities for to-day are generally cloudy and warm weather, with southerly winds and falling barometer.

Amusements To night.

Pittsburgh Opera House.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Florence as *Hon. Bardwell Slote* and *Mrs. Gen. Gilflory* in "The Mighty Dollar."

Trimble's Varieties.—A variety entertainment possessing varied and entertaining features.

Perils of the Mail.

A man, who was subsequently identified as John Sullivan, was found dead in an empty freight car near Lawrenceville on the Pennsylvania R.R. yesterday. The body was brought to the city, and at an inquest held by Coroner McCallin, the fact was developed that the train on which the body was found had been run into from the rear, and it was the opinion of the jury that deceased was standing looking on from the side at the time of the collision, and that he was crushed to death in the jam following the collision. A verdict of accidental death was rendered.

Lillie Eldridge.

A new actress, so far as this city is concerned, will make her appearance at the Opera House next week. Her name is Miss Lillie Eldridge. She is young, handsome and a very good singer, and in the East and South has, we are informed, a reputation excelled by very few, if any. Light comedy is her forte, and Pittsburghers can enjoy a great deal of that, judging from the patronage they bestow upon Maggie Mitchell, Katie Putman and Lotta. Miss Eldridge will play in "Tempted" and "Robin Gray" both new pieces and highly spoken of. In the latter she will introduce a number of songs.

The Centennial Minstrels

On the 24th inst. the Centennial Minstrels, a new amateur organization, and a rival of the Troubadours, will give an entertainment in Library Hall for the benefit of the Ladies' Relief Society. The orchestral adjunct will be furnished by the Columbia Orchestra of twenty pieces, and as the gentlemen who compose the troupe are all gifted in the art of minstrelsy the entertainment will be as near perfect as possible. Following is a list of the company: R. H. Herron, Carl Retter, John Irwin, Alexander Ross, Daniel J. Cable, Virgil F. Adams, Thos. P. Witten, J. W. Herron, B. E. Aron, J. H. Friend, J. N. Shallop, Harry Hough, C. H. Phillips, E. H. Williams, W. H. Hardey, F. Laughman, Charles Seidel, Samuel Lindsay, M. Bissell. — Bissel, J. D. Balph, — Emerson, E. B. Kirker, F. Whitesell, A. H. Brockett, J. W. Pope. —Fisher and Bader & Spade, song and dance artists.

History of Allegheny County.

The history of Allegheny county, soon to be issued by L. H. Everts & Co., will be one of the most valuable and entertaining books produced during the Centennial year. It will be very comprehensive in scope, and it will deal exhaustively with the subject which it treats of. The early history of the manufacturing business will be a chapter of special interest to the whole country, for Pittsburgh is so identified with the history of its manufactures that one would be incomplete without the other, and this volume will give to the world the true story of the rise and growth of our city as a great manufacturing centre. The book will be of about two hundred pages, atlas size, and it will be profusely illustrated with cuts of the prominent buildings, and of the eminent men of the county. Each town of any consequence will be described and illustrated. The history will be handsomely bound, and will be a valuable addition to the library of any household. L. H. Everts and Wm. H. Brazee are making the canvass of Pittsburgh, and Mr. A. N. Scranton is taking subscribers in Allegheny. The gentlemen are meeting with abundant success, many of our prominent citizens having already agreed to take the history, and as the publishers need this recognition to make their work successful and satisfactory, it is to be hoped that our people will generally cooperate with them in the effort to prepare this history of the county.

LOCAL INSURANCE STATISTICS.

Capital. Assets, Losses, &c., of Allegheny County Companies.

The following is a summary of the condition of the fire insurance companies of Pittsburgh and Allegheny as embraced in their reports to the State Insurance Commissioner, Mr. J. M. Foster. The list, from which South Side Insurance Company is excepted, includes twenty-five companies, having a paid-up capital of $2,820,400, and assets amounting to over $4,500,000. The fire losses last year amounted to $739,000. The aggregate of risks in force is nearly $100,000,000.

	Cash Capital.	Gross Assets.	Fire Losses in Force.	Risks
Allegheny	30,000	122,440	19,000	2,200,000
Allemania	200,000	378,280	232,000	21,064,000
Artisans	100,000	173,000	15,000	1,193,000
Armenia	250,000	327,000	46,300	5,270,000
Ben Franklin	150,000	182,000	37,200	2,700,000
Birmingham	100,000	106,000	20,000	2,120,000
Boatman's	125,000	194,000	29,500	3,300,000
Cash	100,000	185,000	7,800	2,100,000
Citizens	100,000	114,000	18,000	1,900,000
City	100 000	160,000	30,000	3,920,000
Enterprise	100,000	150,000	4,000	1,500,000
Fe Inerl	50,000	77,000	11,600	2,650,000
German	100,000	311,000	13,200	5,600,000
Ger. Am'r'n	100,000	135,000	32,000	3,000,000
Humboldt	43,600	74,600	4,600	1,289,600
Iron City	50,000	79,100	14,000	1,500,000
P. & M	165,000	284,000	21,500	5,488,000
Monongahela	175,000	208,000	6,900	1,800,000
National	100,000	153,000	14,000	2,500,000
Pennsylvania	115,800	143,000	39,100	6,000,000
Pittsburgh	100,000	246,000	15,000	3,600,000
Reliance	100,000	137,000	3,200	2,240,000
Teutonia	75,000	126,000	7,700	2,340,000
Union	150,000	159,000	11,000	2,250,000
Western	225,000	329,000	21,400	4,600,000
	2,820,400	4,594,840	739,180	93,010,600

BREVITIES.

····It is proposed to have a reunion of the alumnæ of the Pittsburgh Female College.

····An entertainment, consisting of literary and musical exercises and tableaux, will be given this evening by the Belle Thoburn Missionary Band in the North Avenue M. E. Church, Allegheny.

····On Tuesday evening Mathew Hoberstine, a farmer on the Brownsville avenue road, was terribly gored by an infuriated bull, which he was driving into an enclosure, and his injuries are thought to be fatal.

····Yesterday Deputy Mayor Shaffer held Michael Frickley in bonds for trial, on complaint of his wife Louisa, who charged him with maliciously attempting to take her life. The same official held Fred Herald on a charge of stealing a $20 ring from Mrs. J. Miller.

····On Wednesday night at McLaughlinsville, in Westmoreland county, near the Allegheny county line, a gray mare was stolen from Samuel Grier and a bay horse from Henry Willery. They were tracked yesterday morning as far as East Liberty, where their trail was lost.

····The Board of Revision yesterday considered returns from the Twenty-first and Thirty-third wards. In nearly every instance the assessments were raised to the schedule price fixed by the Board of Revision, and the valuation of the improvements was fixed according to the returns made to the Assessor.

····Yesterday morning the body of a man, identified as that of David Kamerer, a shoemaker who disappeared from Mt. Washington about three weeks ago, was found in the Ohio river at Phillipsburg. An inquest was held by Coroner R. F. McIlvain, of Beaver county, and the body will be kept at Rochesterville pending the Coroner's search for friends of the deceased.

····Next Tuesday evening a grand concert is announced to come off in the Sandusky Street Baptist Church, Allegheny. Professor Burgess is training a class of sixty voices for the occasion. Miss Colville, a lady well known in musical circles as a talented artist, will sing a solo, and the North Avenue M. E. Church choir is also announced to participate. The admission is only fifty cents. The concert is for the benefit of the Sabbath school.

····The stockholders of the Y. S. Building & Loan Association yesterday elected the following officers for the ensuing year: President—A. H. Childs; Vice Presidents—Geo. W. Marshall and Wm. L. Chalfant; Secretary—J. H. White; Treasurer—Jackson Duncan; Directors—James Barbour, H. S. Lutz, J. M. Conroy, A. E. Luty, Jas. McCabe, Robert A. Duncan, C. J. Hillard, John Corrigan, John Morrow.

····Margaret Dennison, *alias* Bridget Kelley, is awaiting a hearing before the Mayor on a charge of stealing a silk dress, gold cross and chain and other articles, aggregating $100, from Mr. L. J. Blanchard, of Franklin street. The prisoner lived with Mr. Blanchard, and says she took the articles on Wednesday evening so that she could make a fine appearance at a ball to which she was going. It was not her intention to keep them, she says, but to return them when the ball was over.

····By an unfortunate mistake of the printer the article published by us yesterday in relation to Jennie Evans, was made to say that it was the brother of her sister's, Mrs. Rowbottom, husband who seduced her, when the fact of the matter is he was not him at all, but another person whose name it is not necessary to mention. Mr. Rowbottom also requests us to state that her ruin was not accomplished at his house in Allegheny, for he was not living there then but was residing at Glendale. Notwithstanding the fact that the deceased exhibited a certificate of marriage in the name of Williams, it is claimed by her friends that she never lived with such a party. Investigation proved the certificate to be a bogus one.

PERSONAL.

····J. M. Gazzam has announced himself as a candidate for the State Senate from Mr. Anderson's district.

····Our old friend, Edward Campbell, Esq., formerly of this city, but now of Iowa, called on us yesterday. We were, as we hope always to be, glad to greet him, in spite of his chronic Democracy, he is a genial, intelligent and welcome visitor. May his shadow never grow less.

····Housekeepers would find their Biscuit, Cakes, &c., much improved by using Marvin's Self-Raising flour, in place of ordinary flour, mixed with expensive baking powders or cream of tartar and soda.

WIDENING THE CIRCLE.

The Scope of Our Financial Inquiry Extending.

Developments Before the Committee Yesterday—Treasurer Magee and Mayor McCarthy on Appropriations—Taxation and Valuation of Rural Property—Water Bonds.

The Investigating committee did not get to work promptly on time yesterday morning, for various reasons. By half-past ten o'clock, however, all the members had arrived and were ready for business, City Treasurer Magee was on hand, smiling and having the appearance of thinking that it was a matter of course, and that a jocund countenance would look better than a frowning one. Controller Snodgrass was also present, with his throat securely muffled, and upon his request his examination was postponed until he is in better physical condition.

The examining of witnesses was commenced with Treasurer Magee, whose opening statement was that he could not give the exact amount of the city debt, but that the figures could be gotten in the Controller's report. Upon being interrogated as to the bond account of the city, which was done at considerable length, he stated that the books show the amount of bonds that have been issued for street improvement purposes. In the early days of the Penn Avenue act the Commissioners acted with contractors in the issue of bonds without calling in the assistance of the City Treasurer. "The accounts of the expenses of the various improvements are in my possession. There is no itemized statement of the expenses; a warrant is furnished me, certifying that the money has been properly expended; the party receiving the warrant makes affidavit that the money is legally due him; there are no accounts showing the expense of negotiating the bonds; the water bond accounts were not originally kept by me; they were kept by the Controller.

BONDS AND FUNDS.

"My books show the several amounts of interest paid on the various kinds of bonds. The water bonds were never negotiated by me; the proceeds sometimes found their way into other places than the City Treasury as the people of Pittsburgh are painfully aware—the Nation Trust Bank for instance; the Water Commission had charge of the bonds at that time; the assessments of street improvements are left in my hands for collection; the Nation Trust Company indebtedness is in the hands of the Controller; the Controller has an account showing the amount of assessments unpaid on each street improved in the city. The City Attorney could furnish facts in regard to the amounts due on streets. The Controller can give the amount due on the Nation Trust Company's indebtedness."

Mr. Robb—Mr. Magee, can you give us a statement of the present condition of the sinking funds?

Treasurer Magee—I could give you the exact condition of the Railroad Compromise Sinking Fund, but I am a Commissioner. I can give you a statement of the Municipal Sinking Fund. The information responding the other funds can more readily be obtained from the Controller.

Judge Mellon—Can you give us a statement of the cash now in the Treasury to the credit of the sinking fund?

Mr. Magee—Yes, of what cash there is, but it will be necessary to refer to my books and bank accounts first.

Judge Mellon—You know, Mr. Magee, that some times figures show differently on paper from the facts as they really exist when the cash box is examined. We would therefore request you to prepare a written statement giving all the information in your possession.

Mr. Magee—The accounts of a portion of the Sinking Funds are not in my possession.

Mr. Robb—Well, give us whatever you have in writing.

A REPLY TO THE MAYOR.

No one manifesting a desire to question Mr. Magee further, he said he would like to add and make the following reply to the remarks of Mr. McCarthy, on the day previous, in relation to the appropriation ordinance: "Mr. McCarthy says he was not in the confidence of the parties who have charge of the finances and I will say that if he is not it is his own fault. He vetoed the ordinance of 1875 for reasons given in his message, urging that it made no provision for meeting deficiencies. Knowing that it was not present last year while the ordinance was being prepared; but this year I was a member of the Ways and Means Committee. Last year before the ordinance was passed over his veto, I went to him to make some explanations, but he met my advances in such an insulting manner that I left him; the appropriation ordinance this year will make up some of the deficiencies in existing last year, and in meeting the objections urged by the Mayor is his message last year; the ordinance was passed, notwithstanding his objections; how the deficiencies referred to were created by the reappropriation of uncollected taxes; this was done several years in succession, and the deficiencies amounted to the aggregate of the outstanding taxes each year up to 1874; I wish to state that all the moneys levied for taxes must be accounted for in my office either as collected, outstanding or lost taxes, the latter being refunded on the tax duplicate to the Collector; if the valuation on which the tax is levied this year is too low, or if the revenue raised should be in excess of the amount appropriated, the surplus will go to meet existing deficiencies; if the Mayor vetoes this ordinance, the responsibility will be placed in the position of the man in the fable who blew hot and cold with the same breath, as he vetoed last year because the ordinance did not provide for paying such deficiencies. I wish to say that if the ordinance is vetoed the city will be left without any appropriation for the payment of the police force, fire department, water works, or any other department."

Judge Mellon—Would it that be as good as the condition the city is now in?

Mr. McCarthy—That's a question the citizens will have to decide for themselves.

THE CITY VALUATION.

In response to the interrogatory by Judge Mellon, the witness said that the city valuation last year was $160,000,000. The Finance Committee made a reduction in real property, leaving the aggregate at $140,000,000; then there was a reduction of ten per cent. for lost taxes, leaving the actual valuation upon which taxes were levied, $127,000,000. In answer to further questions, Mr. Magee stated that the valuation this year for tax duplicate purposes will be the same as last year, with the exception of the Kitty Roup decision, amounting to $20,000,000, would not exceed $120,000,000.

WADING INTO WATER BONDS.

Mr. P. H. Laufman, a member of the late Water Commission from its organization until December, 1874, was next examined. He stated that the issue of water bonds issued I cannot exactly state; we were authorized to issue $1,000,000; of that $600,000 had been authorized before the Water Commission was organized, and of this the Water Commission had already reached the amount; $500,000 the bonds were sold in Philadelphia; I helped to negotiate the bonds; several leading financiers refused to take them at less than five per cent. discount. Finally Townsend, Wheelen & Co. took them at one per cent. discount; did not observe a row that there were more bonds on the market than those we were selling. They were at Wheelen's bank in Philadelphia. When I called some I had a resolution passed to stop the sale of all bonds except through the Commission. The Checks of Wheelen & Co. were sent payable to the order of Mr. Carroll, President of the Commission; the Secretary was instructed to place these checks in the city depository; we presumed he was doing so all the time; of these checks, $220,000, in place of being put in the depository, were taken to the Nation Trust Company; in checks and money, nearly $300,000 went to the Nation Trust Company; the proceeds of which went to the Nation Trust Company, were cut out of the back of the bond book, without our knowledge and consent. Another lot of $80,000 went to the Freehold Bank. These were taken back by the city, the bank having been paid a commission of one per cent. The Finance Committee attended to this matter, and I do not know what was done with the bonds. I also advanced the bond fund gave the bonds went to the Lawrenceville bank; Geo. B. Hill & Co. had $25,000 or upwards of these bonds, but the city received security for them. Mr. Ross had been authorized to allow some four city bankers to sell $100,000 each of the bonds; we have not been complaining that we did not give them a chance to place any part of the bonds.

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Judge Mellon said that until the city officials had time to make out their statements Witnesses would be called to flow the present rates of taxation in the city, but as the Controller was absent, their books, some character, and showing whether property in the city could stand any further increase of the city indebtedness. The testimony given by rural residents of the city regarding the valuations placed upon their property was listened to with a high degree of interest, and it will doubtless prove equally as entertaining to the average reader. The first witness summoned and sworn was Mr. Samuel Chadwick. Some evidence was as follows: "I live in the Twenty-first ward, and own farming land there. It was rated per acre at the last triennial assessment by the assessors at $1,000. The equalization subsequently made it about $900. A gentleman adjoining me has been trying to sell a four acre lot at $500 per acre, but he has not yet succeeded. My land taxes last year amounted to $13.50. Quite a small proportion of that was for county taxes. I never tried to rent, but the rental per year would be, I guess, $10 an acre, and that is considered a high rent. There is no broken land on his farm. For the last two years I have not been able to make a living off my land and pay the taxes. I have had to borrow money to other parties to raise money. That is the case generally out where I live. Mrs. Anderson, a neighbor of mine, complained that she was obliged to mortgage her property to get money to pay the taxes. The practical result of the consequence of the present system of taxation, so far as I can foretell, will be nothing but confiscation. I cannot see that our property will be wanted for building purposes for years to come."

AN EX-COUNCILMAN'S STORY.

Mr. George Finley is a well known ex-member of Councils and, after being sworn, he told his story of assessments and taxation in the following words; "I have lived in the Twenty-first ward for fifty years. We call taxation with us confiscation, because we know no other name for it. I own about fifty acres of land. My city taxes last year were between $600 and $900. I think I could manage, by reason of my ice pond, to get more than the taxes out of my real estate, of which more than three-quarters is broken. Some of it don't bring me one cent an acre a year. I don't think I am more than a third of a mile from Mr Chatwick's. My land is not used for anything, except, perhaps, for the boys to cut shinny sticks from. The principal source of my income is an ice pond on the property. I have gone to the Assessor's office to see how my property was assessed, in comparison with my neighbors, but the Assessor did not want his books disturbed, and I could not get to look at them. I could only get a transcript, which is a tedious and laborious method of getting information. If my property was sold on time I would not be surprised if it should bring no more than from $600 to $500 an acre. Last year it was assessed at $2,000 an acre. I have reason to believe that the assessment this year will not be so high."

THE WEALTH OF MR. RICH.

The next witness sworn was Mr. A. J. Rich, who gave his testimony as follows: "I do not own forty-five acres of land, which is used for farming purposes and the production of ice. It has been assessed within a few minutes at $112,000. [The Board of Revision was then in session.—REP.] It has been assessed as high as $220,000. Last year it was $130,000. My city tax last year was $1,068 69 on thirty-five acres. The county tax was $157.01. For 1874 the city tax was $598.95, and the county tax $143 04. I have rented for this year the house, barn, outbuildings and eighteen acres, excepting the ice pond, for $275. For the ten acres belonging to this, which is cut off by the railroad, I will get about $100. The land is near Brinton Station, in the Twenty-first ward, and not far from the East Liberty cattle yards. The taxes are about $35 an acre. The Reviews have put the land at $2,000 an acre. I don't think land in that neighborhood is worth more than $1,000 an acre. I rented that land for $250, and my taxes on it were $450. The rent from Mr. Kelly's land will not pay half the taxes. Mr. McCarthy advises us to improve our land, but we don't know how to do it. We are unable to do it, and no one wants to erect manufactories upon it. I have a farm of thirty-four acres, in which I only hold a part interest. I have the farm rented for the whole of it, and I want the other heirs to take their parts. They won't do it. I can't give it away. Laughter.] I have a farm in Ross township, and last year was assessed by the Reviews at $600 an acre. I have been offered $1,000 an acre. It is a statement that I only valued it at $250 an acre, and would take that for it. They declined to reduce the valuation, however."

THE SCHENLEY ESTATE.

The agent for the famous Schenley estate is Mr. R. H. Fife, and he was examined in paragraphs what he knows about taxes and valuations: "I am the agent for the Schenley estate. The farm in the Eighteenth ward is assessed at $2,500 an acre, I think. I get from the rent of it about one-third of the city taxes. I have been offered $1,000 an acre for it by the Allegheny Cemetery Co., which adjoins it. There is part of it that, if I was to buy it, I would not give $1,000 an acre for. The Board of Revision manifests no disposition at all to equalize according to actual values. The assessment against the heirs of Schenley is due to the fact that the city of Stanton avenue is $80,000. The avenue runs through about two thousand feet of the land. My interest in the land is about one-fifth. When I came home I had a resolution passed to stop the sale of all bonds except through the Commission. The Checks of Wheelen & Co. were sent payable to the order of Mr. Carroll, President of the Commission; the Secretary was instructed to place these checks in the city depository; we presumed he was doing so all the time; of these checks, $220,000, in place of being put in the depository, were taken to the Nation Trust Company; in checks and money, nearly $300,000 went to the Nation Trust Company; the proceeds of which went to the Nation Trust Company, were cut out of the back of the bond book, without our knowledge and consent. Another lot of $80,000 went to the Freehold Bank. These were taken back by the city, the bank having been paid a commission of one per cent. The Finance Committee attended to this matter, and I do not know what was done with the bonds. I also advanced the bond fund gave the bonds went to the Lawrenceville bank; Geo. B. Hill & Co. had $25,000 or upwards of these bonds, but the city received security for them. Mr. Ross had been authorized to allow some four city bankers to sell $100,000 each of the bonds; we have not been complaining that we did not give them a chance to place any part of the bonds.

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Judge Mellon said that until the city officials had time to make out their statements Witnesses would be called to flow the present rates of taxation in the city, but as the Controller was absent, their books, some character, and showing whether property in the city could stand any further increase of the city indebtedness. The testimony given by rural residents of the city regarding the valuations placed upon their property was listened to with a high degree of interest, and it will doubtless prove equally as entertaining to the average reader. The first witness summoned and sworn was Mr. Samuel Chadwick. Some evidence was as follows: "I live in the Twenty-first ward, and own farming land there. It was rated per acre at the last triennial assessment by the assessors at $1,000. The equalization subsequently made it about $900. A gentleman adjoining me has been trying to sell a four acre lot at $500 per acre, but he has not yet succeeded. My land taxes last year amounted to $13.50. Quite a small proportion of that was for county taxes. I never tried to rent, but the rental per year would be, I guess, $10 an acre, and that is considered a high rent. There is no broken land on his farm. For the last two years I have not been able to make a living off my land and pay the taxes. I have had to borrow money to other parties to raise money. That is the case generally out where I live. Mrs. Anderson, a neighbor of mine, complained that she was obliged to mortgage her property to get money to pay the taxes. The practical result of the consequence of the present system of taxation, so far

ALLEGHENY COUNCIL.

Regular Meeting Last Night.

The Ordinance for the Increase of the Police Force Presented and Amended — Monthly Reports of Committees—The Peddling Ordinance Suspended Temporarily, &c., &c.

A regular monthly meeting of Allegheny Councils was held last evening.

SELECT COUNCIL.

J. C. PATTERSON .....President.
R. T. WHITE.....Clerk.

The following members were present: Messrs. Bayne, Cochran, Callery, Drum, Davis, Eberhardt, Hemphill, Huckestein, Hartman, Knox, Kreiling, Lindsey, McKelvey, Slack, Sweeney, Voegtly, Wilhelm, Weite, Woolsey and President Patterson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Davis offered the certificate of the election of Edward Sweeney as Select Councilman, from the Ninth ward, who was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Charles Weaver. Received, and the oath of office administered to Mr. Sweeney.

Mr. DRUM presented a petition for relief from the payment for the stone wall on Henderson street. Referred.

Mr. CALLERY, petition for the grading and paving of Gresham street. Referred.

Also, an ordinance for the widening of Church avenue. Referred.

Also, a petition from D. Casey to be relieved from the assessment for the improvement of Henderson street. Referred.

Mr. LINDSAY, petition for the opening of Page and Black streets. Referred.

Also, a petition for the vacation of Reed street. Referred.

Mr. KNOX, petition for the grading of Stanton avenue. Referred.

Also, petition for gas lamps on Evans alley. Referred.

Mr. KREILING, petition for water main on Sarah street. Referred.

Also, petition for viewers to assess the damages done by the improvement of Charles street. Referred.

Mr. CALLERY presented the resignation of Mr. C. C. HAY, as a member of Select Council from the Seventh ward. Accepted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. SLACK, chairman of the Finance Committee, presented their report stating the election of the German National and Third National Banks as City Depositories. Report received.

The monthly report of the Controller, showing the expenditures of the city during the past month the have been $25,417.92, also accompanied the report. In this statement were bills from the Survey Committee amounting to $150.

Mr. LINDSAY desired to know what that meant, as he is a member of the Survey Committee, and he did'nt remember anything of that kind coming before it.

Mr. COCHRAN, chairman of the Survey Committee, explained that this amount was to pay the salaries of men in the Engineer's office, and that the pay roll had been approved at the last meeting of the committee.

Mr. CALLERY moved that that portion of the report be referred back to the Survey Committee. Lost.

The report was then approved and the several bills ordered to be paid.

The monthly report of the Street Committee. They submitted several ordinances. Report received and the ordinances referred to be printed.

The same gentleman called up an ordinance for the construction of a main sewer on McClure avenue, from an angle at Eckerts, northwardly about 1,000 feet. Some considerable discussion the ordinances was laid over.

THE POLICE INCREASE.

Mr. HEARTY, chairman of the Police Committee, presented the report of that committee. Received.

He also submitted an ordinance providing for an increase of the police force by the addition of forty-two men, making one hundred men in all. The ordinance, he said, was to provide for the payment of salaries of lieutenants to $2.25 per day, and patrolmen to $2.00 per day.

Mr. MCKELVEY moved that the ordinance be amended so as to increase the force ten men, making fifty lieutenants and patrolmen, instead of forty patrolmen. The gentleman stated that this ordinance reduced the pay of the lieutenants and patrolmen from the present rate of $2.50 per day, and in pay would leave sufficient to almost pay ten men.

The amendment was adopted, and the ordinance as so amended was referred back to be printed.

Mr. HUCKESTEIN presented a petition for the paying of a portion of Perry street. Referred.

Also, petition for the grading and paving of Spring alley. Referred.

Also, petition for the opening of Return street. Referred.

Also, a resolution for three gas lamps in the Seventh ward. Referred.

Mr. DRUM presented a resolution requesting each standing committee to report at the next meeting the number of persons employed in their respective departments, outside the regular city officers, and what the salaries paid them. Passed.

Mr. EBERHARDT, a resolution directing the Mayor to order a sewer built on Sarah street, Lieutenant in the Seventh ward. Passed.

Mr. LINDSAY, a resolution directing the Street Commissioner of the Fifth ward to enforce the ordinance relative to the repairing of the sidewalks. Referred.

Mr. CALLERY presented a resolution requesting the Representatives in Harrisburg to use their influence to pass the act relative to Seventh ward to withdraw from the city. Referred.

The business from Common Council was taken up and concurred in.

Adjourned.

COMMON COUNCIL.

J. O. S. GOLDEN .....President.
ROBT. DILWORTH.....Clerk.

The Common branch met at eight o'clock. There were present Messrs. Armstrong, Bedell, Biber, Hunter, Kredel, Kerr, Klicker, Liegenfelder, Landis, Ling, Mueller, Moul, McGuire, Neely, Parkhill, Rea, Shoaf, Swindell, Stone, Schmitt and President Golden.

The credentials of Mr. Jacob Showers, elected to fill the vacancy in the Fourth ward, caused by the resignation of Mr. Hopf, were presented and Mr. Showers sworn in.

The minutes were read and adopted.

RESOLUTIONS AND PETITIONS.

Upon a call of wards the following resolutions and petitions were presented and referred:

By Mr. NEELY, for gas lamp on Bidwell and Sheffield streets.

Also, a resolution instructing the Committee on Streets to advertise for proposals for paving Main street for the payments of assessments on Charles and Bidwell streets. Referred to Committee.

Mr. KREDELL, petitions of citizens of the Seventh ward for a water table and better drainage.

Mr. LING, petition for a wooden building in the Fourth ward.

Mr. MCGUIRE, a resolution instructing the Mayor not to enforce the peddling ordinance until the next regular meeting of Council.

Mr. Eighteenth ward, and stated that as the ordinance now stands it is entirely too sweeping in its propositions, and works injustice.

Mr. BIBER moved that the ordinance be changed so as to make it apply only to resident peddlers.

A somewhat protracted discussion took place, but no resolution was adopted.

Mr. ARMSTRONG, petition of a number of persons for the payment to them of their claims for damages for opening of Buena Vista street.

Mr. COOKE, resolution allowing the erection of a fire-house and the purchase of a hook and ladder apparatus be placed on the Sixth ward school lot; also, ordinance for the opening of Woodland avenue, from West End avenue to Black Lane.

Mr. STONE, petition for additional gas lamps.

Mr. WALKER, a resolution instructing the City Solicitor to revise and codify the existing laws of the city, and that 1,000 copies of the same be printed. Referred.

COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Mr. STONE, Chairman of the Committee on Ordinances, reported ordinance changing the place of holding elections in the First District, Eighth ward, to Freeland House; also, ordinance for the Wharf Master's office, which has been removed. Referred to the City Solicitor for instructions, to ascertain if the two offices conflict with each other, therefore be inoperative, liquor being sold at Mr. Flack's house.

Mr. COCHRAN offered an ordinance repealing an ordinance regulating peddling in the city. Referred.

Mr. SHOLES, from the Fire Committee, made a report in reference to the quality of a new style of fire plug recently recommended. Adopted.

Mr. COOKE, from the Committee on Markets, reported the receipts for the past month.

Also, on behalf of the Fire Committee, a resolution to give the committee appointed to investigate the Chief of Police's office the privilege of the attendance of witnesses. Referred to the City Solicitor for instructions.

Mr. HUCKESTEIN, from the Committee on City Property, submitted the regular monthly report of that committee. It was published a day or two since.

The report of the Controller was received and filed.

The resignation of Mr. T. B. Kerr, member from the Eleventh ward, was read and accepted. The Mayor was instructed to issue a proclamation to fill the vacancy.

Mr. John Steling, of the Eleventh ward, was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Chairmanship of the Poor Farm Committee caused by Mr. Kerr's resignation.

The report of the Police Committee, recommending an increase of the Police force to one hundred men, was read and filed.

Mr. WILSON offered a resolution for a gas post on Harrison avenue. Referred.

Adjourned.

Stocks at Auction.

The following stocks will be sold this evening, March 10th, 1876, at 7½ o'clock, at Thos. F. Stewart's sales rooms, corner Fifth avenue and Wood street:

25 shares Allegheny National Bank.
9 shares German National Bank of Pittsburgh.
20 shares People's National Bank of Pittsburgh.
15 shares National Bank of Commerce.
14 shares Iron City National Bank.
10 shares Mechanics' National Bank.
20 shares Fourth National Bank.
100 shares Iron City Insurance Company.
25 shares Armenia Insurance Company.
20 shares Union Insurance Company.
50 shares Allemania Insurance Co.
10 shares Humboldt Insurance Company.
10 shares Ewalt Street Bridge.
30 shares Iron and Glass Bank.
10 shares Fifth Avenue Bank.
320 acres land in Dent county, Missouri, to be sold on account of whom it may concern. Title perfect, or no sale.

THOS. F. STEWART, Auctioneer.

Dry Goods at Your own Price.

Continued sale to close out the business before April first of prices. J. B. Heard & Co.'s, 52 Sixth street, between Penn and Liberty. Still greater bargains will be offered from this date in Muslins, Flannels